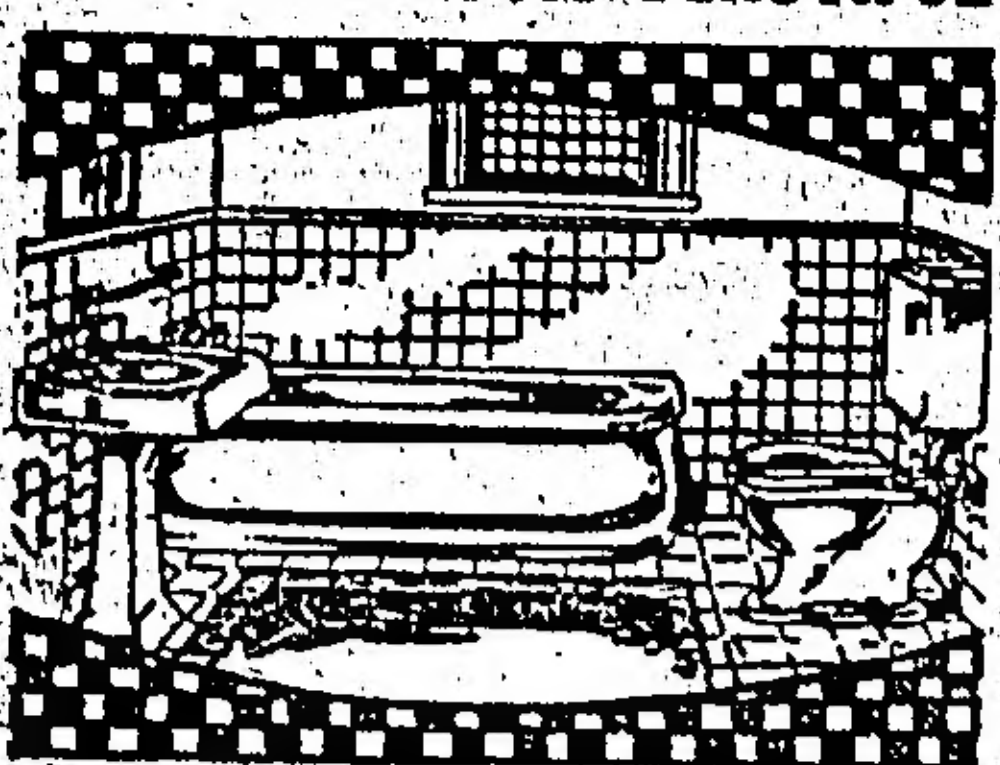


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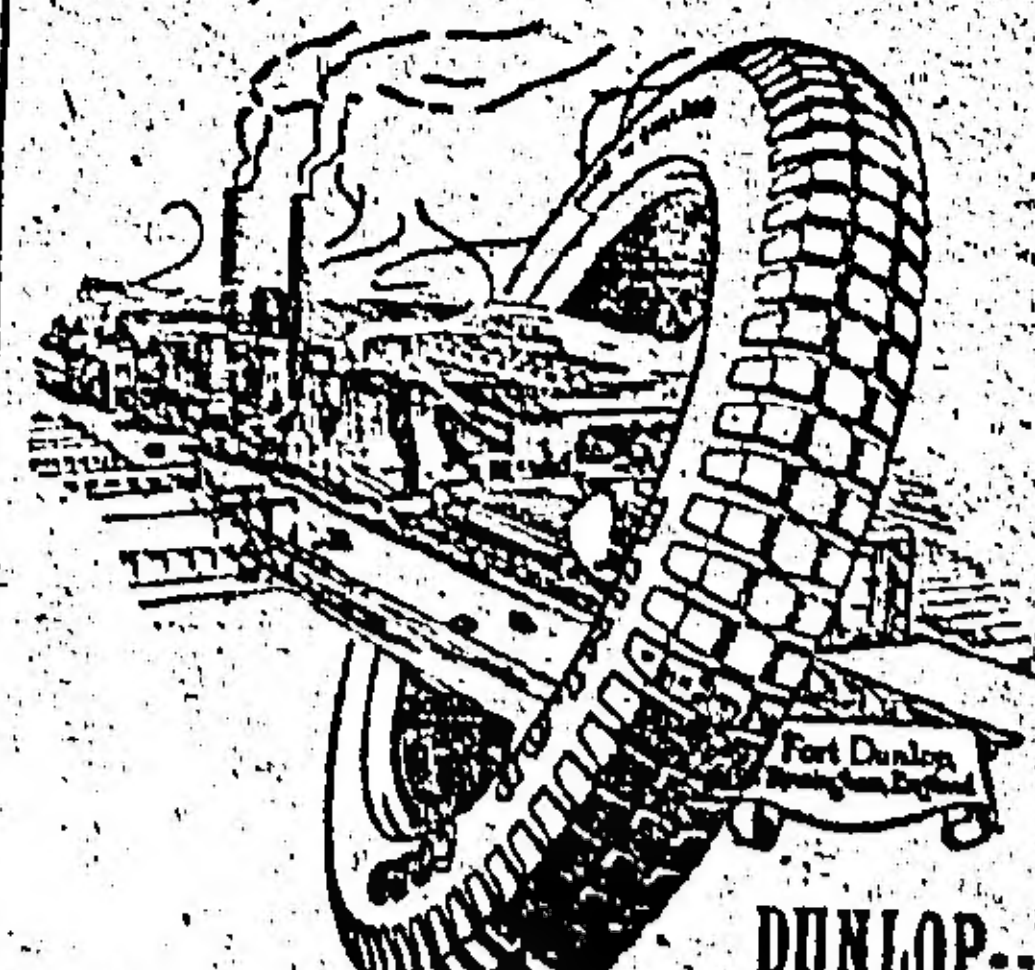
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DRAMATIC YAUMATI FIRE RESCUES.

TWO KILLED IN SERIOUS OUTBREAK TO-DAY.

WOMAN DIES IN EFFORT TO SAVE YOUNG SON.

STAIRCASE COLLAPSE.

Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was the scene this morning of the second fatal fire to occur in the Colony in less than a week. Two deaths occurred, and, as in the case of the Kennedy Town disaster, a wooden staircase was the primary cause. The blaze was featured by events both poignant and dramatic.

A woman and two children were marooned on the roof of the blazing building, their escape cut off. Mr. J. W. Wollard, the officer in charge of the Mongkok Sub-Station, effected a spectacular rescue under peculiarly difficult circumstances.

The victims of the disaster were a woman and her young son, residents of the first floor of No. 196, Shanghai Street. Their presence in the building was unknown to the Brigade. Their partially incinerated bodies were discovered when the flames were under control.

It appears that the deceased woman fled in terror from the building at the outset, but suddenly realising that her young son was not with her, dashed back into the blaze and was trapped by the collapse of the staircase. She was found dead with her boy in her arms.

Four houses were affected, Nos. 192, 194, 196, and 198. No. 196, where the fire originated, was gutted, No. 198, which was served by a common staircase, was severely damaged, and the others suffered to a much lesser extent.

THREE MAROONED ON THE ROOF.

The victims of the disaster were:

Li Sam-ku (40).
Wong Kui-lam (9), her son.

A lurid glow suffusing the sky, indicating the intensity of the outbreak was noticed coincidentally with the receipt, at 3.52 a.m. of a call sent from the fire signal box at Gascoigne Street.

The fire was located at No. 196, Shanghai Street, a three-story building with the usual native arrangement of a shop on the ground floor, and tenements above.

The outbreak originated in the ground floor occupied by a joss-paper firm carrying fire-crackers as part of its stock. To this latter fact, is ascribed the intensity of the fire which endangered a big block of property situated in a thickly populated district.

Brigade Call.

All available appliances were rushed to the scene, and a call was sent to Hongkong, Superintendent Brooks with reinforcements arriving in response with a fire-boat.

While the firemen were circling round with jets of water, a woman and two children were seen standing on the roof of the building, now completely wrapped in flames, their forms silhouetted against the glow.

To reach the spot it was necessary to get into a narrow scavenging lane at the rear of the building, where firemen found their movements hampered through lack of elbow room.

A resourceful mind resulted in a 35-foot telescopic ladder being taken into the lane, and mounted immediately below the group trapped on the roof.

It failed to reach the coping by a foot. The woman could not be induced to make use of it.

Hazardous Task.

Tongues of flames shooting through the windows and circling around the ladder made the work of rescue lying ahead an extremely hazardous one, but disregarding all these dangers, a small crew led by Sub-Officer J. W. Wollard, climbed the ladder and joined the much distressed woman and children on the roof.

Use could not be made of the ladder as a means of escape—it would have been unsafe to rely on its strength to withstand the weight of the rescuer with his burden.

Davy Escape Used.

A Davy fire-escape (with a steel cable and pulley block arrangements) was hauled up. A convincing demonstration was then given of the utility of this device in an emergency such as this. There was nothing on the roof to which the line could be attached. Mr. Wollard ordered the firemen to lay flat on the roof, and to brace themselves against the weight of the woman as she passed down to safety.

Meanwhile, flames were belching through the windows of the intervening floors and threatening to cut off the escape of the firemen and the two children.

All Get Free.

A jet thrown vertically into the air, was so directed that the water fell as a mass of spray over the ladder, cooling it and guarding it from the flames while the rescue was in progress.

Shortly after this, a fireman in the group isolated on the roof found that access could be secured into an adjoining building by way of the front verandah of its uppermost storey. In this way, the children were lowered to safety. Sub-Officer Wollard and his party later making their escape down the staircase of that adjoining house.

Control over the fire was gained within less than an hour, a matter for official gratification.

Bodies Discovered.

Later, the bodies of a Chinese woman and her 9-year-old son were found lying, partially incinerated, on the verandah of the first floor of the house where the fire originated. This was the first knowledge obtained of anyone being killed. The bodies were discovered by Station Officer Saunders, whose attention was drawn to a hand appearing above the water which was then subsiding.

From subsequent enquiries, it appears that the deceased woman made good her escape from the building at the outbreak of fire, but on missing her young son, she dashed up the stairs in a courageous attempt to rescue him. Her escape cut off by the collapse of the staircase, she got into the building first involved and was driven by the flames to the verandah.

An enquiry is being held at the Central Magistracy this afternoon in connexion with the other fatal fire at Kennedy Town.

PARITY DOCTRINE ANOMALY.

DEBATE ON THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

AMERICAN PERSONNEL 20,000 MORE THAN BRITAIN'S.

BRITISH REDUCTIONS.

London, Mar. 17. "The reduction of over £4,000,000 inadequately expresses the magnitude of the Admiralty's efforts to economise," declared Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, introducing the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons to-day.

He quoted figures proving that Great Britain was spending less on her Navy to-day than in 1914.

The Estimates, said Mr. Alexander, amount to £51,739,000 as against £55,865,000 last year, showing a reduction of £4,126,000.

The estimates were within £190,000 of the figure submitted for 1914, which were the last pre-war estimates, but in order to get a true comparison with 1914, allowance must be made for the higher costs and prices of to-day.

Immense Reduction.

Calculated on pre-war rates, the provisions covered by the present estimates would not have cost more than £31,000,000, or a reduction of 31 per cent.

The provision this year, however, covered a much larger proportion of non-effective charges than in 1914.

To-day the non-effective charges amounted to eight and a half millions compared with three millions in 1914, so if one compares the actual effective services of the Navy, the present net estimates were forty-three millions as compared with £48,500,000 in 1914.

Reducing the present estimates to pre-war values, there was a reduction of no less than forty-six per cent.

"I beg the House to remember," said Mr. Alexander, "that no other naval power in the world has voluntarily made a reduction as compared with pre-war."

Road to Peace.

With regard to the reduction in shipbuilding, Mr. Alexander said: "It is with great satisfaction that the Government have found, on the general trend of world affairs, and the general outlook for peace, justification for proceeding still further along the road already to some extent marked out by the last Government of slowing down the rates of our naval construction, and giving a proof of our sincerity in the cause of all-round reductions in armaments."

"The reductions we have made in the last two annual programmes of the five years' programme of the last Government have been made in the same spirit as actuated the late Government in the reduction they themselves made in certain of their annual programmes, but I would say they have been made with a greater courage and a stronger determination for the end in view and have been made accordingly very much more drastic."

Future Needs.

"We are convinced that the provision we are now making is adequate."

"Our replacement programme must be related not to present strength but to future needs. What those needs will be cannot be accurately forecast until the results of the London Conference have been ascertained and duly collated."

He hoped the feeling of pessimism regarding the Conference so often expressed, would prove to be unfounded, and he deprecated any discussion to-day of a kind which would not be of assistance in bringing the conference to a successful issue.

No New Construction!

No provision was made for a construction programme for 1930, as the Government were holding over any decision as to what this should be. Not only so, but in respect of the 1929 programme, it had been thought best, in view of (Continued on Page 12.)

SAFETY OF BRITISH RESIDENTS.

TIENTSIN DEPLORES LOSS OF HIGHLANDERS.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Mar. 17. The safety of British residents in China was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day. Mr. A. A. Somerville asked whether Mr. Henderson was satisfied that the safety of British nationals was assured in all Treaty Ports in China.

Mr. Somerville's question had special reference to the recent order for the transfer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from Tientsin to Hongkong.

Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, replying, said he had received the text of a resolution passed at a meeting of British subjects in Tientsin, in the course of which it was stated that the withdrawal of a British battalion from the town was inopportune at the present time.

SALARIES COMMISSION PROPOSALS.

The Government Recommends Adoption.

MATTER REFERRED HOME.

Rumours were current in the Colony yesterday to the effect that the Government had decided to put into effect, as from January 1st last, the recommendations of the Salaries Commission.

On enquiry in official circles this morning, we were informed that this is not the case. It is true that the Government has recommended to the Secretary of State that the Commission's proposals be adopted as from the date named, but up to the present the Home Government's decision has not been made known.

sent time. Mr. Henderson added that one battalion of British troops was still stationed in Tientsin and would be kept there for the time being.

The strength of the British military forces in China was in accordance with the recommendations of military advisers.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI MOTORIST ENDS TOUR.

THREE REVOLUTIONS IN TWO YEARS.

London, Mar. 17.

Mr. Allen Isaacson, who started out from Shanghai in March, 1928, on a honeymoon motor tour of the world, has arrived in London.

In the course of the tour, he got mixed up in two revolutions in China and one in Afghanistan.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH REVENUE INCREASES.

ENCOURAGING FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY.

Paris, Mar. 17.

The revenue returns for the month of February totalled Frs. 2,994,000,000, showing an increase of Frs. 305,000,000 as compared with the Budget forecast, and Frs. 160,000,000 as compared with February of last year.—*Havas.*

HAGEN AND KIRKWOOD IN AUSTRALIA.

VICTORY OVER PROMINENT MELBOURNE PAIR.

Melbourne, Mar. 17. In a four-ball match at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club to-day, Walter Hagen and Kirkwood defeated the Australians, Jupp and Le Fevre by three up and one to play.—*Reuter.*

THE CONFERENCE PROBLEMS.

PROGRESS FURTHER RESTRICTED.

M. TARDIEU'S ABSENCE THE CAUSE OF DELAY.

A CONFLICT OF VIEWS.

London, Mar. 17.

The anxious discussions at the London Naval Conference during the week-end have undoubtedly left a much more hopeful atmosphere, though there is a conflict of view as to the result of the Anglo-French conversations. On one hand it is stated that political issues were excluded. Elsewhere, it is suggested that Britain has advanced a scheme whereby the British command of the Straits of Gibraltar will be accepted as holding a balance in the Mediterranean.

It is understood, says *Reuter*, that the Conference is considering the scheme which embodies an understanding that France will keep only a specified number of ships in the Mediterranean.

No Relaxation.

It is, nevertheless, clear that so far there has been no relaxation of the Franco-Italian deadlock, and no progress in this direction is at present anticipated.

The work of the Conference is likely to be restricted this week to informal interviews between the members of the different delegations.

No plenary session is in prospect and the problem of adjusting the tonnage figures of the five Powers, within the categories prepared for them by the First Committee of the Conference, is the chief immediate problem.

Five-Power Pact.

The Conference is still determined to achieve, if possible, a five-power pact.

Matters are well advanced to this end as between Britain and the United States, Japan and the United States and Britain and Japan.

No agreements have been reached but the ground has been thoroughly prepared.

The European situation, as represented by the differences between France and Italy, is the main preoccupation of the delegations, and until this is resolved, little progress can be made with the major project.

The difficulties have been enhanced by the discovery by France that there is little likelihood of political guarantees being forthcoming in exchange for a scaling down of her tonnage figures, and by the insistence of Italy on parity with the largest continental naval Power.

Prolonged Discussion.

The fact that the Anglo-French week-end discussions excluded political issues from their purview, is taken as a recognition by France that the adjustments must be on a basis of figures. It is anticipated that discussions on this subject will be prolonged.

While it is improbable that any marked advance will be made this week, it is regarded as certain that the Conference will not break down before M. Tardieu returns to London at the end of the week.

Private Talks.

In the interval, there will be numerous private conversations. To-day before leaving for France, M. Tardieu saw the Prime Minister and later he called on the head of the American delegation, Mr. Stimson. Mr. Stimson had a meeting with Mr. Macdonald, who later entertained two other American delegates, Mr. Hugh Gibson and Mr. Dwight Morrow at luncheon.

This afternoon, Mr. Macdonald received the chief Italian delegate, Signor Grandi, at the House of Commons and to-night he is dining with the members of the French delegation at the French Embassy.

Regarding the suggestion that the political issues raised should be transferred to Geneva, it is stated that no such proposal has (Continued on Page 12.)

SMALL-POX AMONG GANDHI PARTY.

DISOBEDIENT VOLUNTEERS ALL CONTACTS.

THE MARCH TO GO ON.

Bombay, Mar. 17.

Gandhi is experiencing trouble with his volunteer civil disobedients. At present, the party is at Anand, resting, and the march through the salt district is not being resumed until to-morrow.

One of his volunteers has been stricken with small-pox, and all the others must be regarded as contacts.

Gandhi has directed that the sick man shall stay in Anand. He is "not to return to Ahmedabad whatever happens."

Another of his followers sought permission to go home to Baroda. He promised to rejoin the party this evening.

"How can we go home now?" demanded Gandhi, refusing to (Continued on Page 12.)

HATRY'S SENTENCE IS UPHELD.

Court Refuses Plea for Leave to Appeal.

"NOT A DAY TOO LONG."

London, Mar. 17.

The Court of Criminal Appeal has refused leave to Clarence Hatry to appeal against the sentence of 14 years' penal servitude passed upon him by Mr. Justice Avory.

Lord Hewart, who presided, said the Court endorsed the Judge's opinion that the frauds of which Hatry was convicted were the most appalling that had ever disfigured the commercial reputation of this country. They considered the sentence not a day too long.

Sentence will begin as from to-day. Hatry was convicted on January 25th.—*British Wireless.*

grant the required permission.

It is learned that the headman of Anand and seven of the village tax assessors have resigned their offices.

Gandhi announced on Sunday that he would observe Monday as a day of silence, but circumstances appear to have been too much for him.—*Reuter.*

FIVE CHARGES OF ARSON.

YOUNG STUDENT IN DOCK AT KOWLOON.

There was a sequel, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning to the five fires, which broke out in the Colony on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, by the appearance before the Court of a young student on charges of arson in respect of each outbreak.

The defendant, described as Li Yau-chuen, aged 13, residing at 19 Waterloo Road, was alleged to have maliciously set fire to 30, Stanley Street, 58 d'Aguiar Street, 179, Reclamation Street, 286, Shanghai Street and 2, Portland Street.

The defendant was arrested following the fire in Shanghai Street early on Sunday morning.

Detective Inspector Fallon, of the Yaumati Police Station, appeared on behalf of the Inspector General of Police and made a formal application for a week's remand for further enquiries.

The defendant was accordingly remanded until Tuesday morning.

NEWSPAPER AIRMAN.

EXPECTED IN HONGKONG TO-MORROW.

The local branch of the Standard Oil Co. learns that Mr. Van Lear Black expects to "hop off" from Hanoi to-morrow, and to arrive here at 2 p.m.

CITY TRANSPORT PROPOSAL.

TRAM COMPANY AND HOTEL BUSES.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE NOW IN PROGRESS.

COMPETITION FELT.

Preliminary negotiations have commenced for the acquisition by the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., of the Hongkong Hotel motor garage business, and it is proposed at an early date to place before shareholders of the first-named concern a full statement of the position, together with certain proposals. This fact was made public by Mr. B. D. K. Baith, presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Tramway Company to-day.

It was further disclosed at the meeting that, largely by reason of motor bus competition, the traffic receipts for last year were less by nearly three lakhs than for 1928.

Lengthy references were made by the Chairman to the general question of motor buses v. trams, and the suggestion made in some quarters that buses should be substituted for trams was described as a fallacy pregnant with alarming possibilities. In this connexion it was pointed out that if the 27,000,000 passengers carried by the Tramway Co. last year had been carried by buses instead of trams, at the same fares, the Company would not have made enough profit to pay any dividend.

A further statement made by the Chairman was that the receipts from the Kai Tak Company venture had not proved as satisfactory as anticipated.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report of the Directors and the statement of accounts for the year 1929 are in your possession and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

In my speech a year ago I called attention to the decline in the traffic receipts during the last quarter of 1928 and after explaining the causes I said "should these adverse factors continue, shareholders will realise that the tramway receipts in respect of the present year will be less than during the year under review."

It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that these adverse factors have continued with a result that our traffic receipts for the year 1929 are less by nearly three lakhs than for the year 1928. Efforts were made during the year to obtain the necessary authority to run our buses on less remunerative routes of the Colony but I regret to say without meeting with much success. We have, however, commenced a new motor bus service between Blake Pier and Tai Koo East Gate via Queen's Road East and Leighton Hill Road and although this service in itself is not remunerative, it provides a much felt need and affords great facilities for our patrons living in the outlying districts of Quarry Bay which can now be reached by bus in very much quicker time than by tram.

Up-to-date Trams.

During the year, 10 more cars were fitted with saloon top covers, bringing the number of cars so equipped to 64 and orders were placed in England for the latest type of truck (or chassis) for 28 trams so that to-day we are in the happy position of knowing that every truck that came out with the original trams has been scrapped and replaced by the most up-to-date truck obtainable.

The tramway track has been entirely reconstructed between Heard Street and the Lee Gardens. This was rendered necessary under the Praya East Reclamation scheme. The new single track along Bowring Canal Road East was also completed and trams have entered Happy Valley via this new track since July 20th last.

Further, since the end of 1929, we have completed the renewal of the rails between Heard Street and Arsenal Street and there is now a magnificent new double track with electrically welded joints all (Continued on Page 7.)

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HONGKONG TRADE RETURNS.

DETAILS OF WORKING OF NEW DEPARTMENT.

SIMPLE PROCEDURE.

A complete revolution in the system of recording trade returns of Hongkong is to be adopted by the Government Import and Export Office, by which, it is anticipated, traders will benefit, whilst it will enable the statistical department always to have before them, a complete report of the trade of the Colony.

Up to 1925, the method used for the keeping of trade returns was known as the "Permit" system, by which the trader, whether importer or exporter, had to make out a permit before the goods could be shipped or delivered. To do this the trader had to present his permit at the statistical department for stamping before he could make any more further advance in the distribution or collection of his goods.

Under this new system, which is known as the "Post event" or "Post declaration" system, a trader is not called upon to make any return or report till he has received or dispatched his goods. In addition, he can make his declaration through the post or by chit coolie, thus saving a great amount of time.

To ensure the perfect and successful working of this new system, the branch of the statistical office has been opened in Basconfield Arcade, where, on the second floor, the rooms have been completely renovated and converted into offices. Here, an additional staff, under the supervision of Mr. W. Schofield, is to put into force the new regulations.

An Interview.

When a S. C. M. Post representative visited the office yesterday afternoon, Mr. Schofield kindly gave the following explanation of the new system:

He said: The system of collecting trade statistics which is about to be tried, differs a good deal from the "Permit" system employed up to 1925. Then a merchant had to make out a permit and send it to the Statistics Office before he could take delivery of goods or send them to a ship for export. The present system may be called a "post event" or "post declaration" for importers and exporters will not be required to make any report or return till they have received or dispatched their goods.

With certain exceptions, every article imported into the Colony, whether on order or by a trader travelling with his goods, has, in less than seven days, to be reported to the statistics office by the importer on the import declaration form, provided by this office. The seven days are to be counted from the day the importer takes delivery, not from the arrival of the ship.

In the same way, within seven days after any article is exported the exporter must fill up an export declaration form showing what he has done. These forms can be obtained at the statistics office, and when filled up, may, if desired, be sent to the office by post.

Simple Forms.

The import and export forms are very much alike and extremely simple. The following points, however, should be noted in filling them up.

(a) Manner of arrival: this space is provided for stating whether the goods described in the declaration arrived by rail, road or air. When the ship's name is given the space can be left blank, as it is then presumed that the goods came by sea.

(b) In the "description" column, the names of the articles declared should agree as far as possible with the classification list which will shortly be published. It is the list formerly used but revised and brought up to date.

(c) The values should be given as follows: for imports the official T.T. selling rate of the C.I.F. value on the date of declaration; for ex-

ports F.O.B. value at Bank's buying rate of the day.

(d) In the import form the "country of origin" column should, if the goods are manufactured, show the country from which they came in their present condition, not the country where manufacture started. Thus, French pig-iron may be sent to Germany and made into hard-ware, and from there shipped to London to be sent here: the goods then should be listed as "Germany." If, however, the importer only knows that the goods came from London, and is unaware of their previous history, he should give Great Britain as the country of origin.

Special Chinese forms of declaration will be provided for the use of Chinese traders who will be able if they wish to make their returns in their own language.

Bills of Lading.

One further obligation. Every one who sends a bill of lading or other document to a shipping company for counter signature or, in the case of an exporter, delivers a document to them, must first write or stamp the name and address of himself or his firm plainly upon the document, so that the shipping company may know exactly who the importers and exporters dealing with them are.

This regulation is intended to enable the shipping company to send to this office full lists of importers and exporters as required by that part of the regulation which deals with Shipping Companies. It can readily be seen that in working a system of this kind, the only way we have of seeing that all importers and exporters make their returns in time is by comparing their declaration with the manifests sent in by the Shipping Companies, getting the names and addresses of all who have not made declarations and reminding them.

Duties of Shipowners.

The other regulations define the duties of ship owners, masters and comrades with regard to delivering manifests to this office, and reporting consignees or consignors' names and addresses. One provision framed to meet local conditions deserves some attention.

The owners of certain ships are accustomed to charter them for very short periods, first to one firm and then to another and unless the Statistics Office is able to keep track of these charterings it becomes impossible to find any one able or willing to send in a manifest, if for any reason, the charterer neglects to do so. Hence all transfers of the control of ships are in future to be reported to the Statistics office with the name and address of the transferee and in the case of a charter, the duration and nature of the charter.

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It is hoped to make the collected statistics cover the whole extent of Hongkong's trade, including that of Canton, the West River and the Kwangtung coast line which was not dealt with under the old

system.

In conclusion I wish to emphasise that the system has been devised so as to ensure the least possible trouble and interference with trade, that its success depends mainly on hearty public co-operation, and that if this co-operation is lacking it may become necessary to consider the re-establishment of the former "Permit" system with its various inconveniences. It is our duty to make this contribution to the world's common stock of knowledge of its trade, since without it that body of knowledge must always remain incomplete.

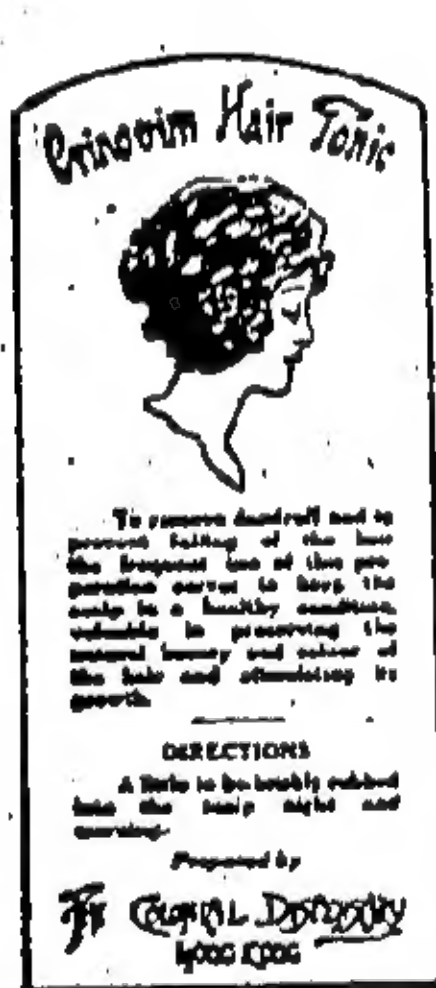
The new statistics office will start their duties officially on April 1st next.

SOVIET SOLDIERS.

STILL GIVING TROUBLE IN MANCHULI.

Tokyo, Mar. 17. A report from Harbin says a squad of 29 Soviet soldiers who invaded Manchuli on March 13 refuse to leave this border town on the pretext of guarding the Chinese Eastern Railway local organisations.

The Chinese authorities have protested to the Soviet Consul, and have instructed the border guards to drive away these Soviet invaders.—Reuter.



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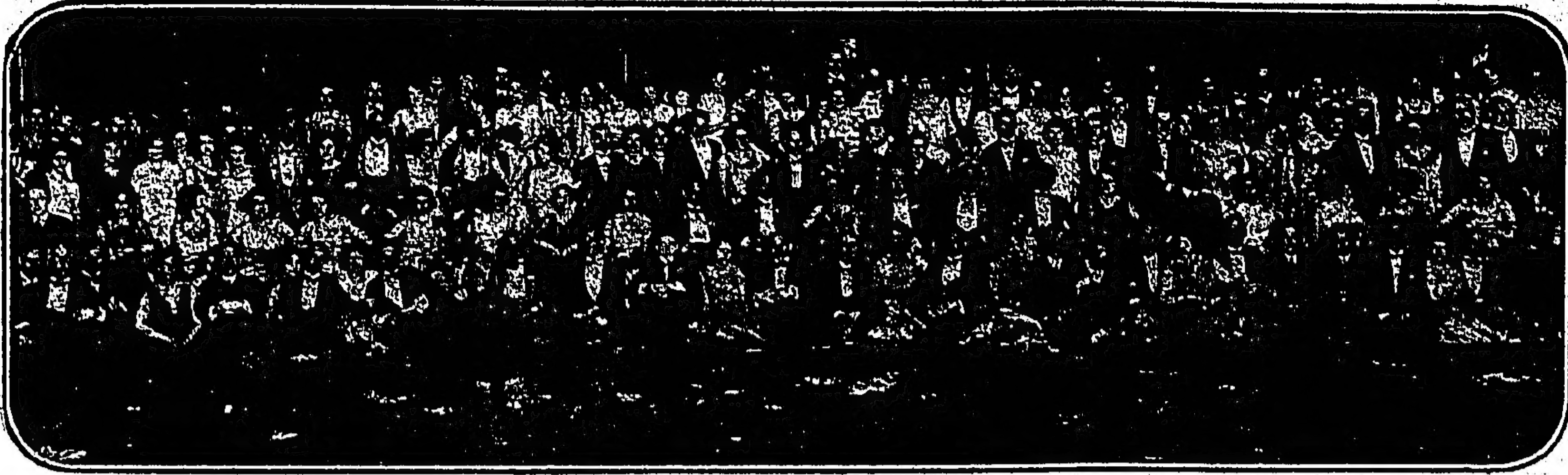
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Mrs. Hetty Koh, a clever dancer who is attracting attention in Shanghai.



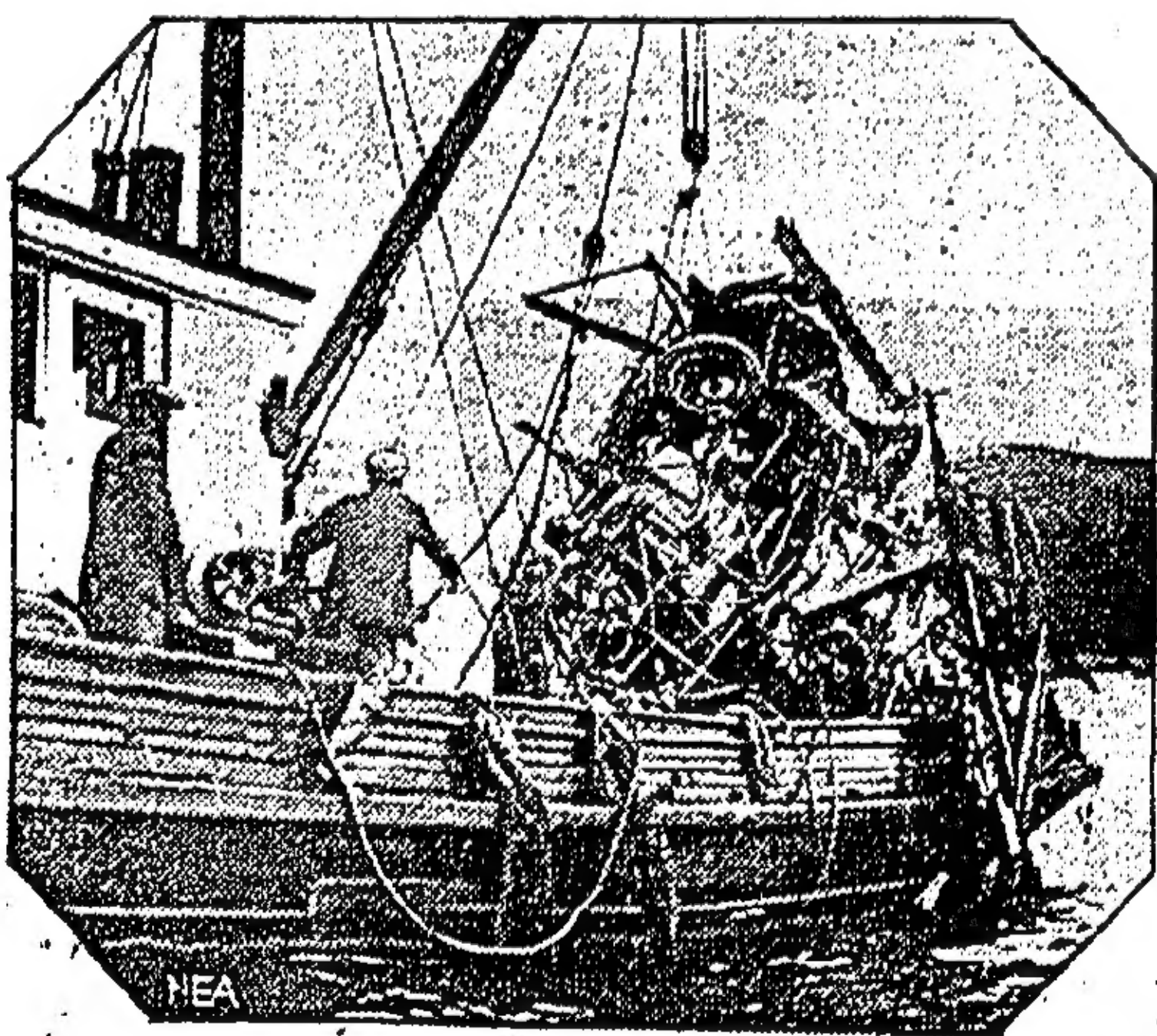
Miss Audrey Greenfield. As Countess Augusta in the B.W.A. version of "Cinderella."



Braking up with a thaw in the upper reaches of the Columbia river, huge floes of ice 12 feet thick descended on Vancouver harbour, carrying everything in their path. About \$10,000 damage was done when the harbour was scrambled into a mass of wrecked dolphins, houseboats, fishing craft and pleasure launches. No lives were reported lost, although several houseboat residents narrowly escaped.



Members of the British Women's Association held their annual Valentine tea dance at the Majestic Hotel. The affair was given under the auspices of the Needlework Section, of which Mrs. D. Lewis is Chairman. The Nonet Band, of H. M. S. Cornwall, provided music for the dancing. One of the outstanding features was the children's International Pageant, arranged by Mrs. Lewis, in which 17 nationalities were represented.



A tangled mass of wreckage, one of two planes which crashed in mid-air over the Pacific near Los Angeles and killed 10 men, including Kenneth Hawks, noted movie producer, is pictured being raised from the ocean floor after a long quest by salvagers.



The magnificent reflecting pool between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, familiar to thousands of tourists who have visited the American capital, becomes a municipal ice skating rink in short order when a hard freeze occurs. Here are skaters making merry after a recent cold wave had swept down upon Washington.

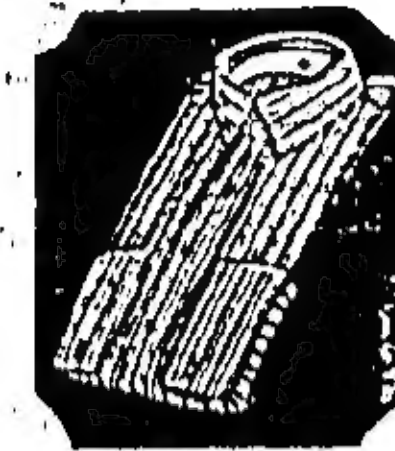


Shanghai journalists and various officials were guest of the Auditorium at a dinner recently given at the Majestic Hotel. The new game of Hai Alai was explained by Mr. A. Du Pao de Marsoulles, the head of concern promoting the game in Shanghai.

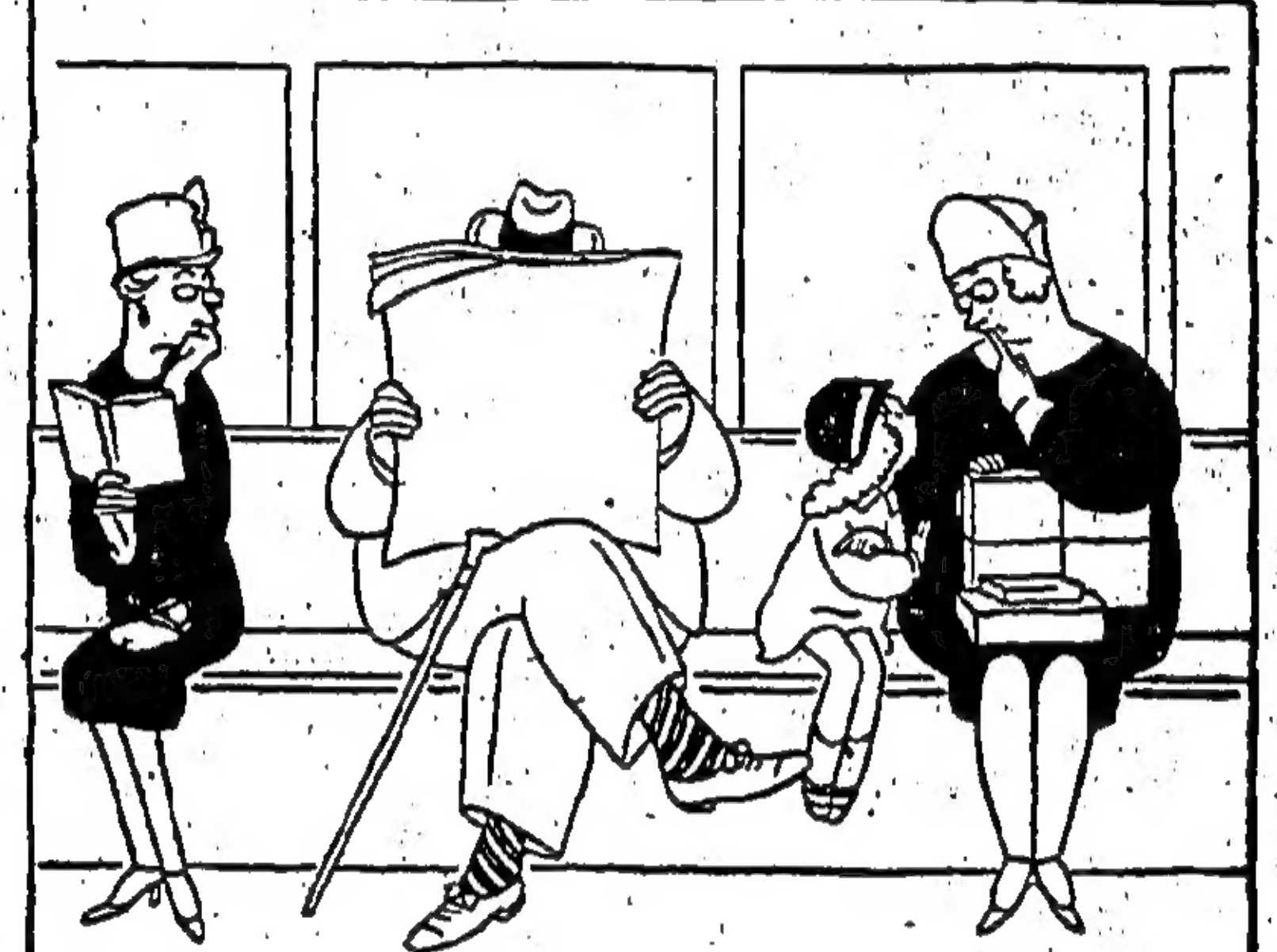
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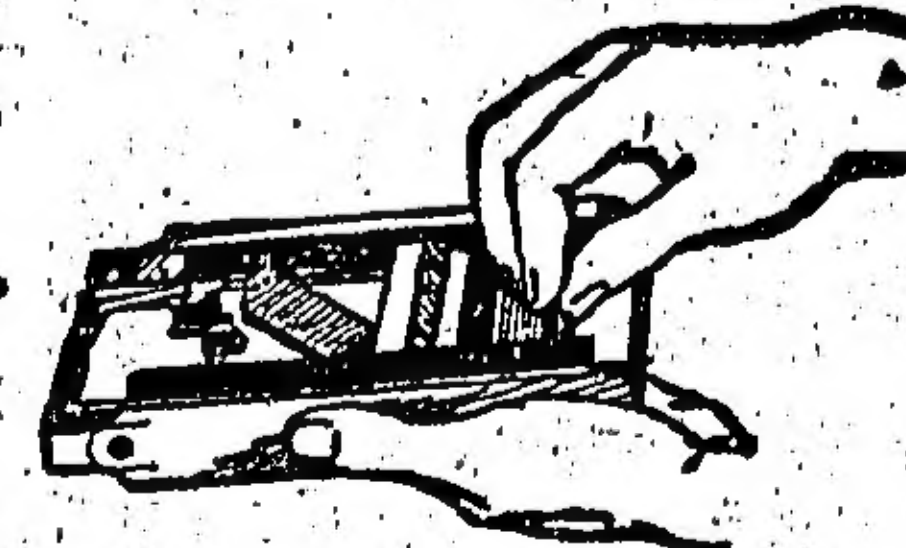
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Saturday, the 5th day of April, 1930, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1929, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 28th March, 1930, until Saturday, the 5th April, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1930.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, 1930, to Wednesday, 19th March, 1930 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th March, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930; both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1930.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 22nd March, 1930 commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. for Gentlemen and \$2. for Ladies are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, up application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1. for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,
C. B. EROWN,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room 2nd Floor, Alexandra Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1929; electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 26th March 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

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C. B. EROWN,

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The thirteenth bi-annual race for ship's lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday, the 19th March, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.

COURSE:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Mark (P), Finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on the 19th March.

A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the General Public.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1930.

HONG KONG CLUB.

The Second Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issued—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Tuesday, the 30th September, 1930, will be held in Club House at 11 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 20th March, 1930.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut.-Col. Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate	No.	Shares	17516/17515
3796	100	"	57710/57809
3797	100	"	81835/81909
3798	100	"	149373/149397
"	3799	50	"
"	3800	100	"
"	3801	24	"

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

Lammert's Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Moscow, Mar. 17.

Apropos the Sino-German air traffic agreement mentioned the other day, it is semi-officially stated that the Soviet Government has not granted sanction for such a service across Siberia.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Robgkong Bank, \$1382½ s.
Chartered Bank, \$171 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$29 n.
East Asia \$99 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$765 b.
Union Ins., \$398 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.50 a.
China Fire, \$340 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$895 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$234 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$264 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$25 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$6.65 b.
Kailans, 47/6 n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubis, \$18½ b.
Tronohs, 21/4 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$145 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$33 s.
China Providents \$5.15 s.
Hongkwa, Tls. 216 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.80 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 123 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.10 n.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. & S. Hotels, \$12 85 s.
H. K. Lands, \$64½ b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 225 b.
Humphreys, \$14 n.
Realities, \$8.30 s.
Chinese Estates \$98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.40 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$67 d.
China Lights, (Old) \$204 b.
H. K. Electric, \$664 s.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$10.40 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.50 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/4 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$14.85 s.
Ropes \$7 s.

United Asbestos \$5 b.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$204 b.
Watsons, \$11.50 n.
Der A. Wings, \$80 b.
Lane Crawford, \$22 s.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$28½ b.
Constructions, \$1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60 n.
H. K. G. Loan 6% Prem. s.

CINEMA NOTES.

VIVID SETTINGS IN "DYNAMITE".

"The greatest De Mille picture since 'Manslaughter' is the verdict of critics on 'Dynamite', Cecil B. De Mille's, first talking picture, which is now at the Queen's Theatre.

"Dynamite", decked with beautiful gowns, pretty girls, thrills, a glass bathtub and a spectacular mine explosion, returns the producer to the highly-coloured type of story with which he made his earliest triumphs. The film, by Jeanie MacPherson, is said to have the same irresistible type of eye and sensory appeal which predominated in 'Male and Female', 'Manslaughter' and 'Why Change Your Wife?'

Gloria Swanson's New Picture. The most interesting picture wardrobe of Gloria Swanson's career—a career in which gorgeous clothes have played an important part traditionally—has been assembled by the producer-star for 'The Trespasser', her new United Artists talking and singing picture, coming to the Queen's Theatre for the next change.

Favoured with a role which offers exceptional dramatic possibilities and an opportunity to appear again in 'fine feathers', Miss Swanson has given the matter of clothes particular attention.

In 'The Trespasser', which was written and directed by Edmund Goulding, she is called upon to make ten complete costume changes, including exotic evening gowns and wraps, street ensembles, afternoon frocks and negligees. These costumes have been chosen from designs which anticipate the mode months in advance. The majority of them have been developed from French designs, all of which, including hats, jewellery and all other accessories, were especially created for her. And for each costume she has arranged an individual coiffure.

Thus, in addition to the interest centreing in Miss Swanson's talking and singing debut, feminine fans will find many fashion hints in the new production.

'The Trespasser' is a drama of modern life, with Chicago's upper social strata providing its setting. It is regarded as the most forceful story yet to come from the pen of Edmund Goulding, who has attained outstanding success as playwright, novelist, scenarist, and director.

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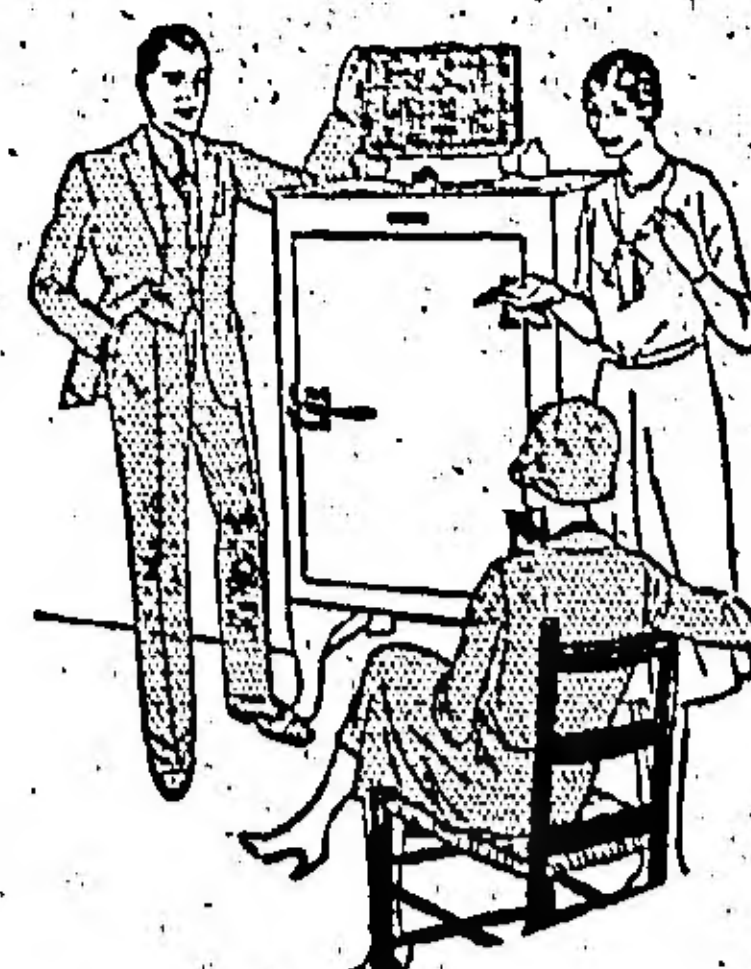
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Japan	Tjibodas	March 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sai Yang	March 19.
Japan	Amazon Maru	March 19.
Java	Tjikarang	March 19.
Straits	Nagpore	March 19.

From	Per	One
U.S.A. (San Francisco 22nd Feb.)	Tenyo Maru	March 20.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Aki Maru	March 20.
Australia and Manila	La Plata Maru	March 20.
Japan	Yuen Sang	March 21.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London 20th February.)	Kamo Maru	March 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	March 22.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 21st Feb.)	Telma	March 22.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	March 24.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London 20th February 20)	Chenoneaux	March 25.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 28th Feb.)	Tango Maru	March 25.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Muzapore	March 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	March 28.
Japan	Empress of Russia	March 30.
Straits	Pres. van Buren	April 5.
U.S.A. (Seattle 8th March), Canada, Japan and Shanghai		
Canada, (Victoria B.C. 8th March)		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		
U.S.A. (San Francisco 7th March)		
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		

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Sam Shui and Wuchow		Kongso	Tues., Mar. 18, 4 p.m.
Saigon		Prosper	Tues., Mar. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy		Cremer	Tues., Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,			
Central and South America and			
*Europe via Vancouver B. C. and			
*Europe via Siberia		Emp. of Canada	Wed., Mar. 19.
		Parcels	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
		Registration	Mar. 19, 9.15 a.m.
		Letters	Mar. 19, 10 a.m.
		(Due Vancouver B.C. 4th April.)	
Amoy		Tsinan	Wed., Mar. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Menado Maru	Thurs., Mar. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok		Yingchow	Thurs., Mar. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Java via Singapore and Batavia		Tjibodas	Thurs., Mar. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via			
Siberia		Nagpore	Thurs., Mar. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Straits		Keoman	Thurs., Mar. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta		Tilawa	Thurs., Mar. 20, 11 a.m.
		Parcels	Thurs., Mar. 20, 11 a.m.
		Letters	Thurs., Mar. 20, 11 a.m.
		Hydrangen	Thurs., Mar. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow		La Plata Maru	Thurs., Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
Saigon, South Africa and *South		Cheong Shing Thurs.	Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
American Ports		Yuen Sang	Fri., Mar. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow		Aki Maru	Fri., Mar. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy		Chennan	Sat., Mar. 22.
Japan		Vegetation	Mar. 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Letters	Mar. 22, 6 p.m.



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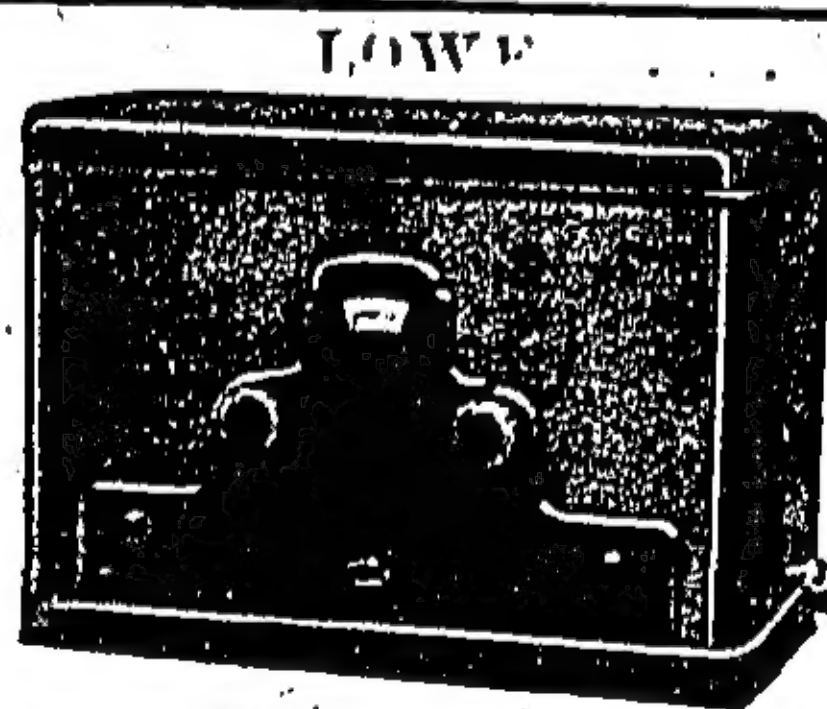
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RIVER STEAMERS OVERLOADED.

CAPTAINS OF LUNGSHAN AND ON LEE FINED.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

The masters of two river steamers were summoned before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hols. R.N., at the Marine Court this morning for overloading their vessels on March 13. In each case, a fine of \$250 was imposed.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, who appeared on behalf of Capt. B. Thomson of the Lungshan, pleaded guilty and read to his Worship a part of the ship's log which showed that the master did all he could under the circumstances to take the ship above the Plimsoll mark after it had been pointed out to him that the load-line was submerged three inches.

Some of the water tanks were pumped out in order to do this and at 10.10 p.m., the load-line was adjudged correct by Mr. R. J. Nunn, of the Harbour Office, who prosecuted, and the vessel then proceeded to Canton.

Mr. Macnamara pointed out to his Worship that this was the first time Capt. Thomson had been summoned for overloading his vessel and also that the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company had never been arraigned before for this offence.

His Worship, however, said he regarded the offence as a very serious one. "I am afraid I cannot discriminate," added his Worship.

In the other case, Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the defendants, Capt. R. J. Gillespie and Mr. Chung Cheong-see, master and owner respectively, of the s.s. On Lee.

As Mr. Brooks pleaded guilty in the case of the master, the summons against the owner was dismissed.

Mr. Brooks said that on the day in question, the master did not expect to carry such a large number of passengers up to Kowloon as he did. The reasons why so many people went up to Kowloon were (1) 12th March, the day before the offence was committed, was the fifth anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and (2) 15th March, two days after, was the day on which the Customs authorities at Kowloon had decided to increase the rates.

After a while, went on Mr. Brooks, the master realised that he would have an uncommonly large number of passengers and he ordered two lighters alongside the vessel with a view to taking off some of the cargo, but just at that time the boarding officer went on board the ship and found it to be overloaded.

Mr. Nunn then withheld the vessel's clearance until enough cargo was discharged to enable the Plimsoll mark to remain above the water, and at 4.30 p.m. the Boarding Officer was satisfied.

Mr. Brooks went on to say that the offence was not deliberately committed and was beyond the control of the master. The vessel had not sailed yet, but was still at her wharf, and he did not think it was very serious.

His Worship pointed out that the master could have got an officer at the gangway to see that the vessel was not overloaded, but Mr. Brooks replied that there were five gangways on the ship.

"I cannot take any excuse; I am sorry," said his Worship, who added that if a master of a ship overloaded his vessel in Home waters, the maximum penalty would be inflicted at once.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,327, situated between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1,288 and 1,202, Aplin Street, Shamshuipo, was put up for public auction at the offices of the P. W. D. yesterday and was sold for the upset price of \$8,575, which works out to exactly \$1 a square foot.

The purchasers were Messrs. An Yeung Pak Chan, Kong Wong and Tam Sing, of No. 67, Kwai Lung Street.

MR. PEPYS IN HONGKONG.

IX.

This morning to the Suffolk, a frigate, of which Stewart Goss is surgeon in chief, with whom I talk a space of my play, and how it doth go. And we drink a glass of the finest sherry sack that ever I taste, which I learn be called Bristol Cream. And I am minded to buy me some when the dollar do go up. And mighty merry we all waxed, for the officers all gathered together at seven strokes of the ship's bell, at a letter he showed us, welcoming him as a new arrival to the Colony. But Lord, the man has been here these twelve months and more. This firm doth seek to expedite his future journeyings, and mighty civil too! But I do think the Captain of my frigate might have a word to say on this. Hence, though it irked me to leave the Bristol Cream, to see an old line of battle-ship with a coverture of wood above such as I have not seen since I was a boy at Plymouth. And they tell me she is named the Tamara, and acts as a Navy depot for the port. But who the Dodo may be I know not. So to the Club where much discourse of my play with Mr. Hannibal who do give so much pains to his part I doubt not he will be mighty fine therein. And so to Anderson's where I do book my seats for every night, and find though many are taken, there are yet a plenty left. But it being now five o'clock I home by way of the Peak Club, where I drink a glass. My wife, poor wretch, mighty cross that I do not return before, but Lord! a man must meet his fellows sometime. After supper we played at cartes, and so to bed.

BANDIT OUTRAGE IN KWANGSI.

FRENCH PRIEST CAPTURED AND TORTURED.

A British naval wireless message received yesterday reports that the Rev. Father Crocq of Taipingfu has been captured by bandits. The report adds that an American missionary who arrived at Wuchow stated that the Kwangsi troops are doing much looting in the districts which they control.

Enquiries made locally confirm the report of the capture of the Rev. Father Crocq, who is a member of the Mission Etrangere de Paris and was in charge at Taipingfu, Kwangsi. The "Reds" raided his headquarters, he was tortured and forced to give up the keys of the mission house and Church. The "Reds" then sacked the whole place.

Father Crocq was forced to leave with the bandits and nothing further has been heard of him.

Report has also been received locally of the capture and subsequent release of the Rev. Father Caysac of Namong, Nanning. He was captured on February 28 and another message received since states that he has been released. However, no definite information has been received to this effect.

Lungchow Still Held.

A Reuter message from Shanghai reports that the Communist force which recently captured Lungchow is still holding the town, and anxiety is felt as to the safety of twenty Chinese girls belonging to the mission orphanage.

HOCKEY CLUB SECOND XI DEFEATED.

HONGKONG AND SINGAPORE BRIGADE TOO GOOD.

On the Marina Ground yesterday afternoon, the Hongkong and Singapore Brigades, R.A., defeated the Hongkong Hockey Club seconds by three goals to nil, after a fast game in which both sets of halves showed up to advantage.

Team to Meet Punjab Regiment. The following will represent the first team of the Hongkong Hockey

A SUBSTITUTE FOR JAZZ.

NEW DANCE BROUGHT TO HONGKONG.

QUESTION OF TASTE.

"If, in our travels, we leave behind us a taste for a better type of music and a more graceful style of dancing, we shall achieve our ambition," said Mr. Albert Barnett, famous in the dancing world as co-inventor with Miss Nora Chilo, of the latest British dance, the Trebla, who has just arrived in the Colony accompanied by Miss Chilo, in the course of a tour of the British Dominions and Colonies.

They are not out to revolutionise, but they aim to improve the standard of ball-room dancing and it is more than probable that they will in the near future give demonstrations in Hongkong of the latest developments in dancing.

Mr. Barnett is an interesting conversationalist, and in the course of an interview yesterday, he discussed dancing in its many aspects, making special reference to the unsociability of our modern dancers, due in some measure to the institution of public dancing in hotels.

The Selfish Age.

"One partner per night is the general practice," he says, "but this is not only unnecessary, but exceedingly selfish."

"People have got to the stage where they dare not butt in, as it is called, for fear of a rebuff. They may be well acquainted with the ladies, but an extraordinary convention prevents them from asking for a dance."

Mr. Barnett does not advocate that Hongkong should go back to the time when it was considered bad form to dance more than twice with the same person, but he thinks that the younger set should seek the happy medium, where it would not be considered an intrusion to ask a friend for a dance.

Organisers of dances can be helpful by innovations which would tend to make their company mingle more freely.

As to the dance which Mr. Barnett and Miss Chilo have originated, and which is growing tremendously in popularity all over the world, it is marked by graceful movements and simplicity promising an easy popularity. It will also appeal to those who appreciate good music as its rhythm is that of the classical mazurka.

It is quite different from the Charleston and other freak dances, based upon the antics of the latest discovered native tribes.

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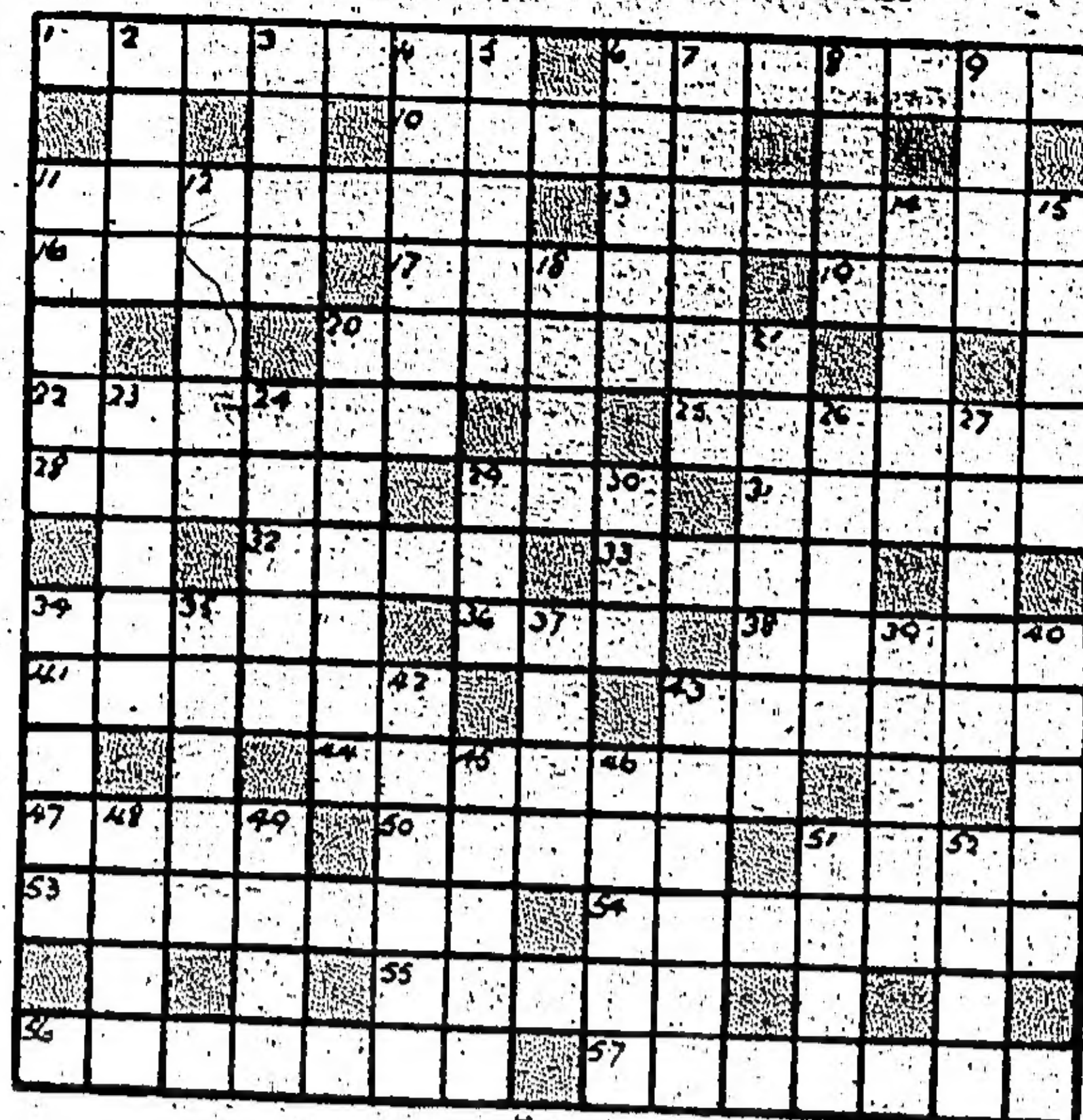
It might be described as fascinating as the fox-trot, graceful as the tango, simple as the one-step and as dainty as the minuet. Altogether there are seven different steps, the basic one being the Trebla step which acts as a link to connect up other figures. It is essentially a non-sequential step, designed expressly for the purpose of allowing the dancers to give their own interpretation to really delightful music. The mazurka is just as spirited as any fox-trot.

Hongkong dance enthusiasts will welcome the interest of a new dance and there seems no reason why "The Trebla" should not "catch on."

Mr. Barnett and Miss Chilo were among the judges at the world's championships in Paris last year.

Club in their match with the 3/15 Punjab Regiment on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow. C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, O. E. C. Marton, E. J. E. Mitchell, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen (tugher), G. E. R. Divett, C. G. Francis, R. H. D. Wade and T. J. Price.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

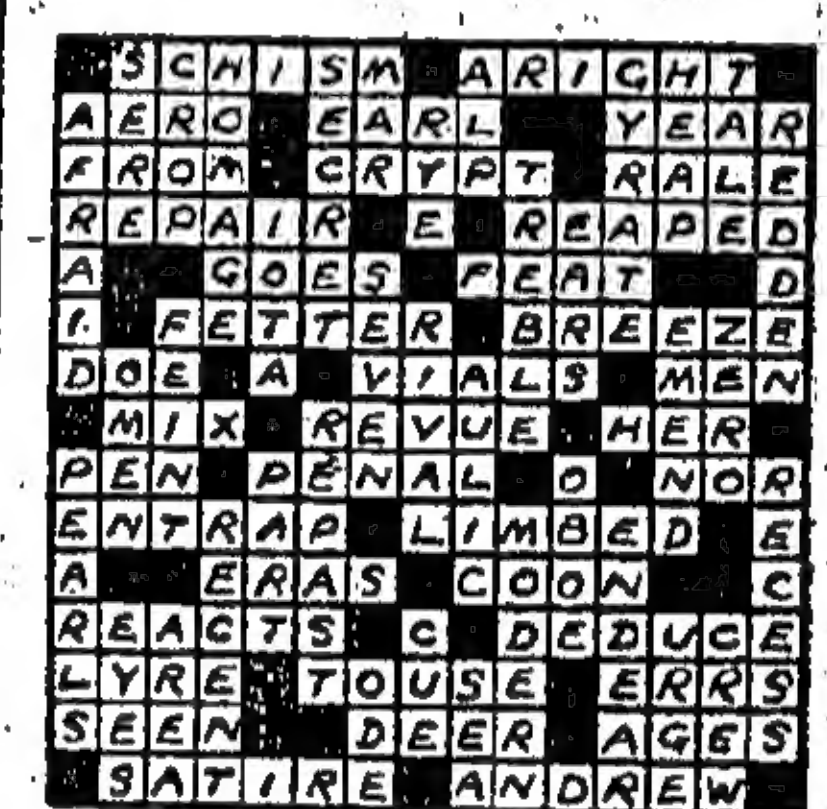
- 1 Genus of cuttle fish.
- 6 Act of saving.
- 10 Sorts.
- 11 Robber.
- 13 Small movable plane.
- 16 Contralto.
- 17 Mix.
- 19 Green fodder pit.
- 20 One who pleads.
- 22 Scarce.
- 25 Sad.
- 28 Penitent.
- 29 Perceive.
- 31 Lakes.
- 32 At the top.
- 33 Froth.
- 34 Kind of tar.
- 36 Suitable.
- 38 Knots.
- 41 Epistle.
- 43 Best.
- 44 Eccentric.
- 47 In the rear.
- 50 Relating to the ear.
- 51 Remedy.
- 53 Accidents.
- 54 Entwined.
- 55 Veird.
- 56 Rises.
- 57 Small rivers.

Down

- 2 Refreshing.
- 3 Perfume.
- 4 Utilizable.
- 5 Walk sideways.
- 6 Stay still.
- 7 Stage whispers.
- 8 Competes.
- 9 Jail.
- 11 Tills.
- 12 Perfume from flowers.

- 14 Large stream.
- 15 Names (Gram.).
- 18 Relieve.
- 20 I pray thee.
- 21 Pertaining to the Romance languages.
- 23 Ancient Greek race.
- 24 Favours.
- 26 Yellow fruit.
- 27 Ekes.
- 29 Medicinal watering place.
- 30 Newt.
- 34 Divine composition.
- 35 Lock of hair.
- 37 Fruit.
- 39 First appearance.
- 40 House.
- 42 Clothed.
- 43 Little band.
- 45 Schemes.
- 46 Carpeting.
- 48 Helps.
- 49 You (Old English).
- 51 Quote.
- 52 Package of paper.

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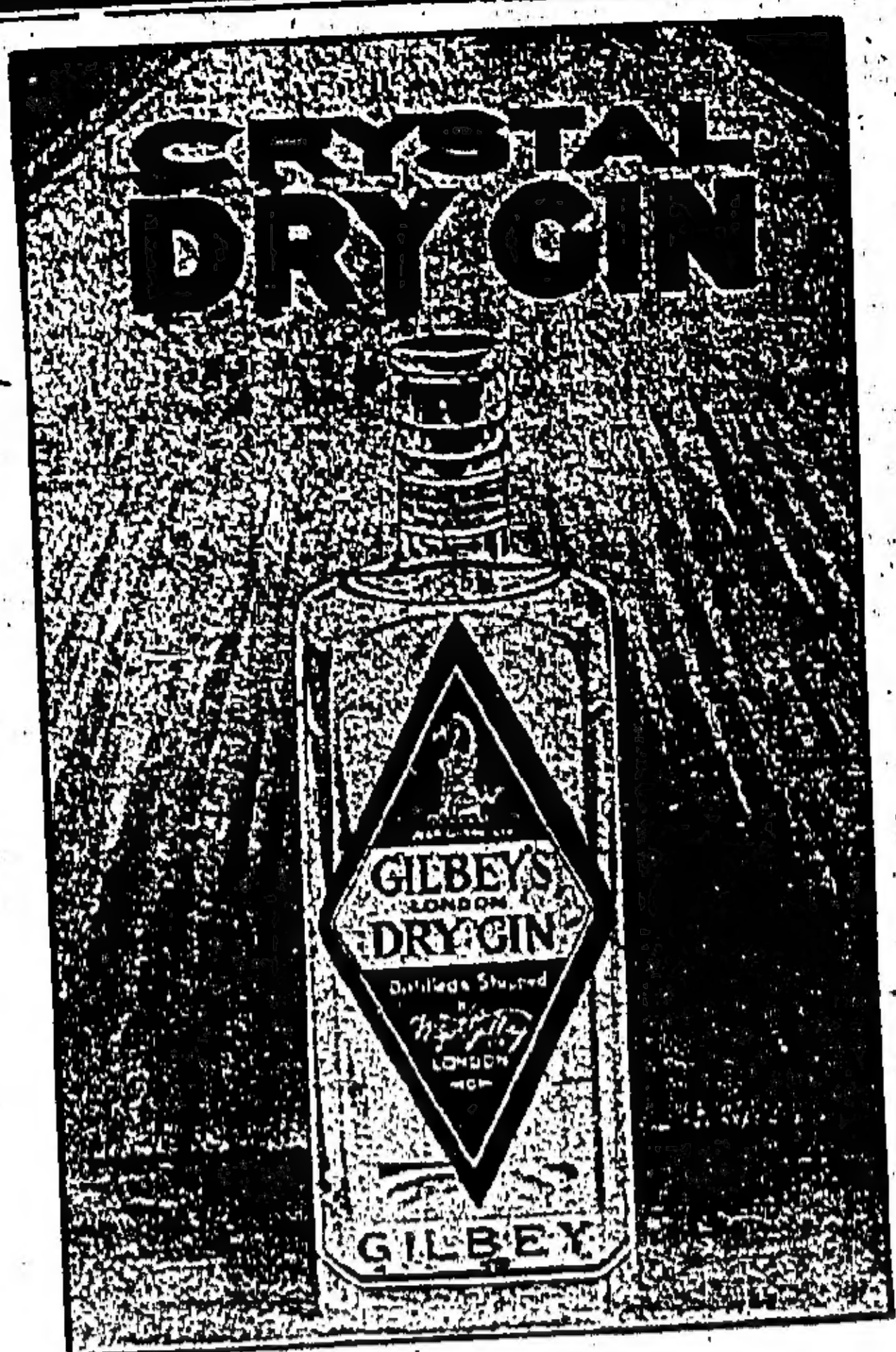
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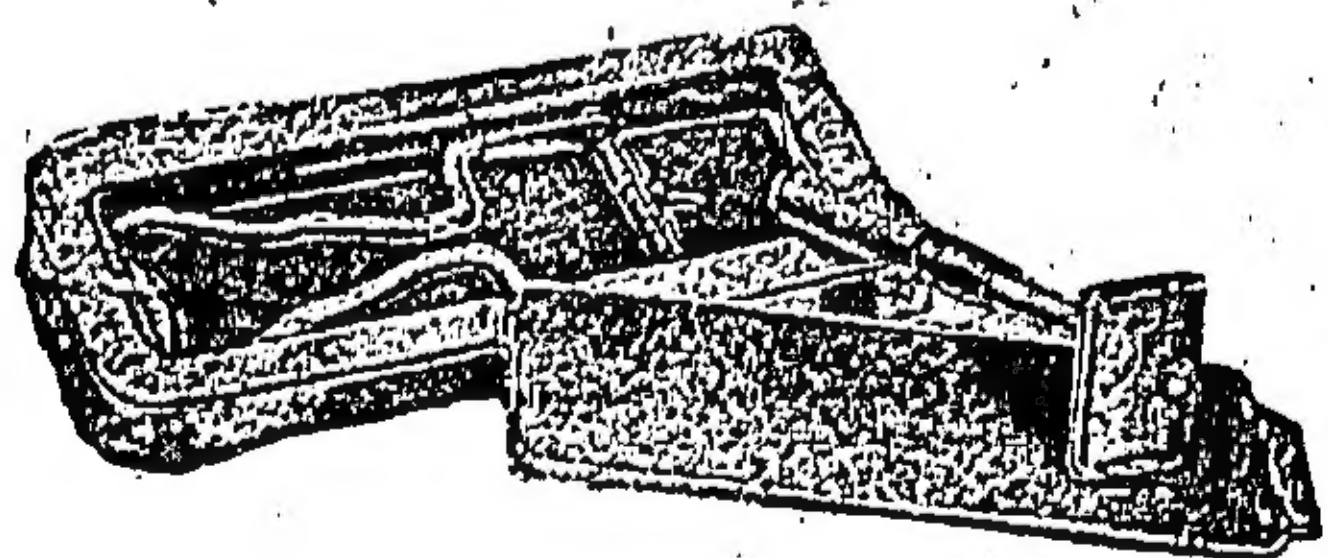
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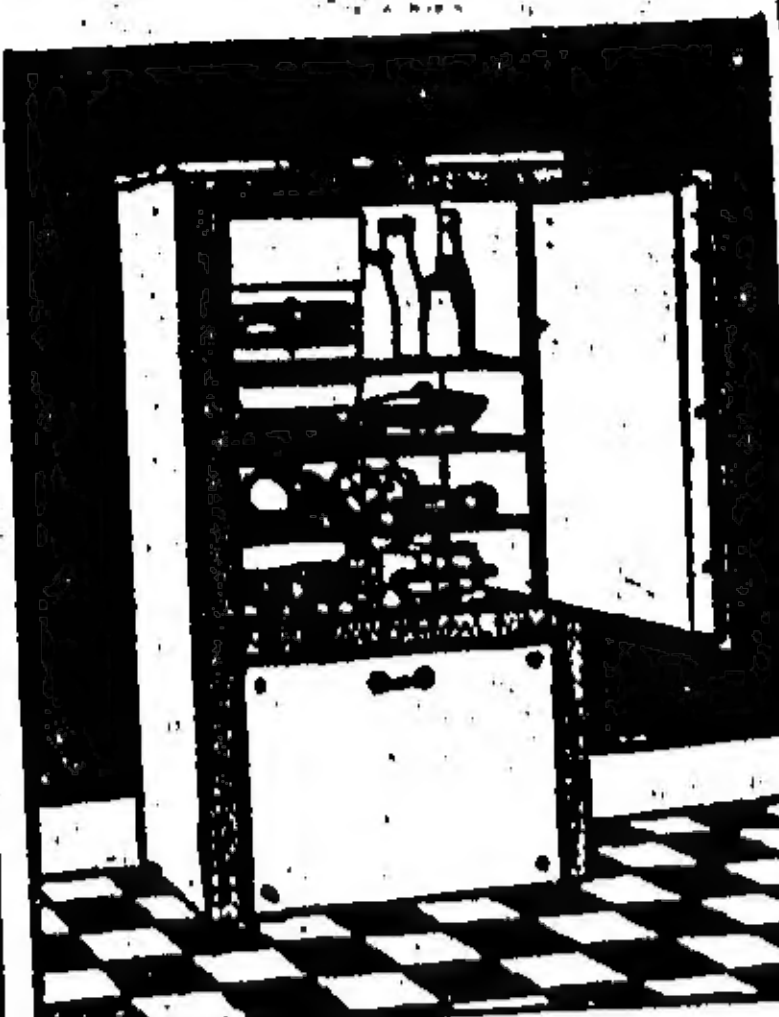


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THE CROWN AGENTS SYSTEM.

Business men of the Colony are no doubt duly grateful to the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes for bringing forward, at the recent meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the desirability of the Government placing as many orders as possible with local firms. Convenient and economical as the arrangement may be in some instances, we cannot help feeling that in the past many requisitions have been placed with them which might easily have gone to local business houses. There is moreover, the further argument that if any preference is to be shown, it should decidedly be in favour of local firms, who pay huge sums to the Government in rates and taxes, whereas the Crown Agents' interest in the Colony is confined to securing the commission which it obtains on every order.

At the present time, especially, when, by reason of the low dollar, the cost of Government is steadily going up and business men are finding outlets for trade few and far between, the plea for more consideration being shown to local firms comes with added force. As Mr. Owen Hughes took pains to point out last Thursday, there are considerable stocks of material used by the Government at present in the Colony, stocks which have been bought at an exchange rate with which the Crown Agents to-day could not possibly compete. To judge from the replies given to questions by the Colonial Treasurer, the Government does not fix its exchange when making an order, preferring, for some inexplicable reason, to await the actual arrival of the materials. It may be the case, as the Colonial Treasurer observed, that the Government has "a lot of money at home," but that does not dispose of the fact that in regard to certain votes passed last Thursday it had to pay more than it would have done if the exchange rate had been fixed when the goods were ordered. The vital point is that more money has to be paid, and it seems to us that if business firms conducted their affairs on the same lines as the Government, they would stand a very good chance of becoming bankrupt in the process. The trouble is that the Government does not have to

produce balance-sheets or to pay dividends: it can, in the face of a probable deficit, always get more income by the simple process of putting on more taxes. At home, of course, such a policy, carried to extremes, would prove disastrous to the Government, which would have to make way for some other Administration. Here, where politics do not enter into the matter and where there are no voters to whom the Government has to give an account of its stewardship, the position is totally different. This fact may explain in part why economy is not practised to any considerable extent in official circles here.

Under the Crown Agents system, there is, as was pointed out at last Thursday's meeting, some discretion allowed the Colonial Government in the purchasing of materials and stores. Looking the matter up, we find it laid down that local purchases are to be confined to articles produced in the Colony or to articles which, owing to special circumstances, can be purchased as advantageously in the Colony as they can be ordered from abroad. That is the general rule, although there are other requirements also laid down. Mr. Owen Hughes has now shown that special circumstances do prevail at present in Hongkong which make it possible for merchants to supply certain Government materials cheaper than the Crown Agents can, and we shall look to the authorities to keep that fact well in mind during the prevailing trade depression. The Crown Agents system may have its advantages from some standpoints, but, as we have remarked, there appear grounds for thinking that, in the ordinary course of events, far too few orders are given by the Government to local concerns.

Chaos in China.

While Chinese militarists refuse to recognise any kind of proportion, political and economic chaos are inevitable. There may be civil war in the North in the course of a week or two. There may not. It would be highly venturesome to prophesy one way or the other, for the simple reason that the factors which would govern a similar situation in any other faction-torn country do not apply. The intimate glimpse that has been afforded of the relations of the Kuomintang leaders, Han Fu-chu and Shih Yu-shan, with the Nanking Government, is so typical as to be worth recapitulation. A few short weeks ago, Shih Yu-shan was fighting a fierce battle with a Nationalist army within forty miles of the capital, and Han Fu-chu was an active adherent of his Kuomintang colleague. The emergence of Yen Hsi-shan as a challenger to Chiang Kai-shek was partially influenced by the natural belief that he could depend on these well-served chiefs to support his "cause." But Nanking put a somewhat reluctant hand into the war chest, the Han-Shih alliance declared its allegiance to Nanking, and Yen Hsi-shan became less enthusiastic about his anti-Chiang campaign. The war threat had been forestalled, or so it was thought. But Han Fu-chu and Shih Yu-shan have fallen out over the division of the spoils, and the latter has sent an envoy to Tai-yuanfu to announce his support of the Reorganisationist cause. Yen Hsi-shan will welcome him with open arms. That is the astonishing part about it. He is already encouraged to resume his attack on Chiang Kai-shek, and present indications are that a campaign will soon begin. It is, of course, foredoomed to failure. Presuming for a moment that he is strong enough to oust Chiang Kai-shek—which is to be doubted—his troubles would merely begin when he entered Nanking as the "conqueror." We believe Yen to be more honest in his politics than most of his kind, but while he surrounds himself with money-grubbers, he becomes as bad as the worst of them from the viewpoint of China's well-being.

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN WHO CANNOT MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS IS NOT TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE KING'S—
Saville.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Honolulu on the March and is due at Hongkong on the 30th March.

Falling off a rock, from which he was fishing yesterday, Chung Kin, aged 55 years, a vegetable gardener living at Hop Wo Shek Village, was drowned in a pool.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Harold Fetherstonhaugh Collier, missionary, Yeung Kong, Kwangtung, to Miss Frances Dorothea Willis, missionary, of the same address.

Wo Fat-yam, a stone-mason employed by the Sang Lee firm of contractors, has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from injuries to his left eye and arm, caused by blasting operations.

Convicted on a charge of stealing an iron rod from a building contractor in Hankow Road, an elderly Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant had three previous convictions, of which two were for stealing.

A further batch of young cyclists appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of failing to observe the traffic regulations. Several of the defendants were alleged to have been caught describing circles on the roadway. Each offender was fined \$10.

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with causing cruelty to two fowls by carrying them in a crate which was too small for the purpose—was fined \$5 by his Worship. It was stated that the chickens had insufficient room and their legs were protruding through the crate.

A female living at 3, Cedar Street admitted, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charges of being in possession of 1.8 taels of prepared opium and keeping the floor as an opium divan. On the first charge a fine of \$140 or one month's imprisonment was imposed with a further fine of \$100 of another month on the second count.

To mark his resignation of the post of Manager of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Mr. F. R. Marsh was yesterday the recipient of a gift from the members of the Local Staff Association of the Company. This took the form of a travelling clock and an address, the ceremony being performed by Mr. C. G. Silva. Mr. Marsh is to be the Company's consulting engineer and London representative.

Appearing before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of returning from banishment, a Chinese was sentenced to eight months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch. The defendant, who was deported for five years in September last, was also charged with being in possession of duplicate keys, but this latter charge was dropped.

On pleading guilty to charges of being in possession of 1.5 taels of prepared opium and 1.8 taels of raw opium, a Chinese of 345, Reclamation Street was at Kowloon to-day fined \$140 on the first count and a further \$50 on the second. It was stated that the premises were entered on a warrant taken out against an unlawful society but the wanted persons had left two days before, while the defendant was the new tenant.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

JAPANESE SHIP RUNS INTO JUNK.

It is stated that damage to the amount of \$3,000 was caused to a junk by a Japanese coal-steamer, when the two came into collision off Wanchai yesterday. The incident, as reported by Cheung Chung-ko, accountant of the trading junk T5424H, was that the junk was being towed by the steam launch Kwang Yick, owned by the Hing Kee Steam Launch Company, and when off Wanchai, a Japanese coal steamer, name unknown, collided with the junk. The result, it is estimated, is that damage to the extent of \$3,000 has been caused to the junk. It was carrying a cargo of rice at the time, but this remained intact. Subsequent to the collision, the junk was towed to safety by the steam launch.

MACAO NOTES.

"VENEZIA" MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION.

Macao, Mar. 15.
When one week ago it was reported that the Venezia would make a trip over to Macao on Saturday great interest was aroused in Macao, and many persons took advantage of the opportunity to visit the vessel when she berthed at a wharf specially rented for the ship. It was found, however, that the wharf was not suitable for the vessel, and it was decided to berth the Venezia on the following day at the new Government wharf in the new port. This was done on last Sunday, in the morning. Owing to the difficulty of transporting luggage from the new port, till better arrangements are concluded to facilitate this business, the Venezia did not make more than one trip during the week past; but this morning the fast vessel again made the trip over from Hongkong, bringing almost 350 passengers.

The Venezia left Hongkong at nine o'clock and came alongside the pier at Macao shortly after 11.30 a.m. The trip from Hongkong was, therefore, made in but little more than two and a half hours, which must be almost a record for the trip from Hongkong to Macao.

The owners of the ship took advantage of the opportunity to invite many of the residents of Macao to attend a reception on board the Venezia on the same day at 2 p.m. Many of the residents of the Colony availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the vessel, and many expressions of appreciation of the vessel's appointments have been made. Work is proceeding to complete the new wharf for this ship in the inner harbour, and it is believed that with the completion of this wharf, the Venezia's projected weekly excursion trips to Macao every Sunday will make the Macao trip an even more popular one.

Adamastor Arrives.

The Portuguese gunboat Adamastor arrived to-day after a lengthy voyage from Portugal. This gunboat has come to Macao to replace the gunboat Patria which has served in Macao for a good many years. The Adamastor is not new to the port, having been in China during the troubles a few years ago, and spent some months at Shanghai.

It is not known when the Patria will be withdrawn from service, and this vessel continues to occupy her anchorage in the new port. In addition to the Patria and the Adamastor, the gunboat Macao is also berthed in the same anchorage in the new port.

Coming Concert.

Macao patrons of music will have the pleasure of listening to Miss Margarida Gomes on the 22nd instant, at a concert given by the young lady at the Macao Club. The concert will be the first given by Miss Gomes at Macao since her return from the United States. Miss Gomes took part in a performance at Hongkong some weeks ago when she was given a part in a show produced by the Italian Opera Company at the Star Theatre. Those who heard Miss Gomes on that occasion have expressed themselves as being very pleased with her singing, which has improved remarkably since Miss Gomes went to America some years ago.

Other Items.

His Excellency Dr. Joao Bianchi, Minister for Portugal to China, who is on leave in Portugal, paid a visit to the Department for Foreign Affairs in Lisbon on February, 4th last.

Recent news from the Portuguese Colony of Timor reports the punishment of several army men, officers and sergeants, for a variety of offences, including a breach of the law relating to the liberty of the press.

It seems likely that a number of the Macao Government employees at the Wireless Station will be transferred to Timor to assist in the installation of a wireless service in Timor.—Our Own Correspondent.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 17.
Paris	124.27
New York	126.4
Brussels	34.88 1/2
Geneva	25.12
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.85
Berlin	20.88 1/2
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.17
Vienna	34.62 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	38.40
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	5.28 3/32
Buenos Aires	41 1/2
Bombay	1/5.27 3/32
Shanghai	1/10 1/2
Canton	1/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot)	1/10 1/2
Silver (forward)	1/10 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

An amusing account of a vulture—"red-eyed, mangy, and ferocious"—purchased by Alexandra Dumas in Africa for 12 francs, is told in "The Incredible Marquis," which is a Gollancz book. Incredible effort was needed to put Jugurtha (as Dumas named this undesirable pet) aboard for France. As the cage was too heavy to be carried, a long rope was attached to the bird's neck, and Dumas attempted to drive it before him—"like a turkey." But the vulture scornfully soared into the air. When jerked down to earth again it attacked Dumas's legs, leading to reprisals with a stick. Eventually Jugurtha surrendered to its fate, though "with sullen reservations," and stalked gloomily to the ship.

Old Golfer: "How many holes have you played?"
New Golfer: "Not more than four or five. It has taken me all the time to put the turf back."

In reply to a letter asking a big multiple-shop provision firm in London to collect an empty jar, "D.G.F." informs us that he received the following reply: "We thank you for your esteemed order to hand this morning, and have given our carman instructions to uplift the empty jar when delivering your goods to-day."

The use of the word "uplift" in this connexion is new to me. Is it respondent as it is to me. Is the latest thing in business jargon? If so, says a writer, I feel that the goods ought to have been "cast down" instead of being merely "delivered." Still, it is doubtless an excellent thing to have uplift in business. It helps to counteract the notion that there is anything sordid about it. When the time for spring cleaning comes I think I must ask the firm which I patronise to uplift my carpets.

The road was up, and the navvies were eating their midday meal. A jovial clergyman passing by remarked: "Good afternoon. Al fresco, to-day?"
"Who's ridin' 'im, guv'nor?" asked one of the navvies.

Two golfers, strangers to each other, were drawn as partners in a seaside foursome tournament. One was clearly a novice at the game. He had a positive genius for sending the joint ball into the rough.

At last his exasperated colleague approached him and whispered: "You've paid your entry money, haven't you?"

"Certainly," replied the other, indignantly.
"Very well," said the first man, confidentially, "I just wanted to tell you that if you've paid you are quite entitled to use the fairway."

BETTER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has dispersed and another of little intensity has developed over the Yangtze Valley. A depression is situated in the northern part of the Sea of Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, with rain; possibly improving later.

WHO WAS—?

ACHATES.

Most great men have their faithful shadows, without whom they never stir very far, and often you may hear the attendant referred to as a "fidus Achates."

"Fidus" means faithful, and Achates was the friend of Aeneas the Trojan, who founded the city of Rome and the Latin race. At least, so the Roman poet Virgil relates, in his long epic work the "Aeneid," written shortly before the birth of Christ.

Achates commanded one of Aeneas's ships on the long and dangerous voyage from Troy to Carthage, and it was he who always accompanied his lord on hunting expeditions and journeys of discovery. When Aeneas and Achates were on their way to the palace of Dido, the Carthaginian queen, they were protected by the goddess Venus, mother of Aeneas, who enveloped them in an invisible cloud so that they passed safely through the crowd of strangers.

From constant use and abuse the term "fidus Achates" has changed from a term of honour to one of mild derision. It no longer means a faithful friend, but merely an inseparable companion.

CITY TRANSPORT PROPOSAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the way from Lee Gardens to Arsenal Street.

Doubling the Track.

Every speech from this chair for the past seven years has contained a reference to the long-promised 100-foot road between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay, but very little progress has been made during the year under review and it has eventually become necessary to double considerable stretches of our old single track in addition to straightening out a snake-like length between Quarry Bay and Ming Yuen.

Altogether, since I last addressed you, we have doubled about a mile of the old single track on the Shaui-kiwan section and have extended the track by about 380 yards from the old Shaui-kiwan terminus to Shaui-kiwan Village. The doubling referred to was rendered absolutely necessary by the great increase in the number of passengers who on every hot afternoon in the bathing season—desired to patronise the bathing benches between North Point and Quarry Bay. With a single track we were unable to cope satisfactorily with this traffic.

Buses v. Trams.

Before touching on the accounts, I feel it my duty as your Chairman to sound a note of warning on the vexed question of "Buses" versus "Trams" as from an economic viewpoint.

In some quarters the view has been expressed that a sure panacea for our present diminution of profits is gradually to substitute motor buses for trams. This, in your Board's opinion, is a fallacy pregnant with alarming possibilities. The public and others quite naturally may regard our views on this subject as biased and prejudiced by reason of the fact that the Company's main source of revenue is derived from electric traction, but when I tell you it is estimated that had the 27,000,000 passengers which our tramcars carried last year been carried (at the same fares) by motor buses instead of tramcars not only should we not have had over seven lakhs profit, but we should not have made sufficient profit to pay any dividend.

Some Examples.

I trust, therefore, that you will agree with me that the matter merits a thorough and full investigation and I make no excuse for the four rather lengthy references which follow:

(a) The Anglo-Argentine Tramways Co., Ltd. (which comprises the greater part of the Tramways of Buenos Aires) is one of the greatest tramway concerns in the world, operating as it does nearly 3,000 vehicles over 420 miles of track. They commenced operating a service of motor buses in January 1927. The Chairman of this gigantic system (which carries over 550,000,000 passengers per annum) admitted at their last annual general meeting that their bus services were being operated at a loss.

(b) The Glasgow General Omnibuses and Motor Services, Ltd., which started with such a flourish of trumpets in 1926 made a loss for the year ended September 30th last of £25,216 with the result that the 21 shares have dropped to about eight shillings.

(c) The Third Avenue Railway of New York is undertaking which operates both tramways and motor buses. The following paragraph relating to the operation of this Company for the year 1929 is taken from an American technical journal:—"Receipts of the Third Avenue Railway, New York, from bus operation are between \$55,000 and \$56,000 a day. These bus receipts are not included in the receipts of the railway system, only the net from bus operation appearing in the income statement. During the past year there were extraordinary expenses due to the installation of new lines and equipment. The buses are being depreciated on the basis of a five-year life which takes care of the equipment notes issued for a larger part of the buses. Under these conditions, the bus operation showed a deficit of \$327,775 for the year.

Another Instance.

(d) The Institute of Transport recently awarded its coveted Graduate Silver Medal to a Mr. A. A. Jackson of Nottingham for his paper "The Railless Trolley System. Its Sphere." The last paragraph of that paper is as follows:—"For pioneer work, and operation over light traffic routes with relatively few stops, connecting main thoroughfares, also for operation generally where the traffic demand necessitates the provision of less than 400 passenger seats per hour in one direction the motor bus is unsuitable; its adoption for such services all over the country is convincing proof. Where a traffic warrants a service giving between 400 and 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction, with a corresponding increase in the number of passenger stops per mile, and particularly over routes containing severe gradients there appears to be sound reasons for seriously considering the adoption of railless trolley vehicles. Routes requiring services giving over 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction would seem to be the realm of the tramcar running on double track, and expressions made recently by eminent authorities on the subject of road passenger transport indicate that the high value of the tramcar

in dealing safely and economically with heavy traffic demands is being more widely recognised."

Between the Western Market and Percival Street (Vanchai) we provide an average of about 2,500 passenger seats per hour in each direction.

Kai Tack Company.

At this meeting last year I reported that your Company as from 1st January, 1929, had assumed control of The Kai Tack Motor Bus Co. (1926), Ltd., operating in Kowloon. The capital of that Company has passed into the ownership of the Tramway Company and your Directors now constitute the Board of The Kai Tack Company. As regards the operation of this business since the advent of our control I would say that receipts have not proved as satisfactory as expected.

This, however, is mainly due to the fares on our route No. 4 (Kowloon City—Yau-mati Ferry) being too low and although your Board will refrain as long as possible from increasing fares, such a course—in the case of the route referred to—may become necessary. A new route (No. 5) has been opened and—in the summer months—we are called upon to provide a service between Star Ferry and Tai Wan Beach.

Company's Buses.

For the service of these additional areas, eight new buses were purchased during the course of the year. Including the former 16 passenger vehicles the Company now has a total of 24 (Dennis) motor buses. Depreciation provided against motor buses, especially in the case of the old fleet, has been a heavy item of charge in the accounts, and, in addition to certain interest costs incurred in financing the new expenditure, has absorbed the surplus earned on working. There is accordingly no return from this service for 1929. Although the results for this first year of our Kai Tack operation are disappointing, I feel able to say that given continued development of our routes the prospects of this investment are not discouraging.

Hotel Co. Buses.

I have been asked to make a statement concerning current rumours as to the acquisition by this Company of the Hongkong Hotel Motor Garage business. Preliminary negotiations with such an acquisition in view commenced a few days ago and it is proposed—at an early date—to take the opportunity of placing before shareholders a full statement of the position and to consider certain proposals.

Turning to the balance sheet and accounts before the meeting, a new head—Motor Transport Investments—appears in the statement of assets set out in the balance sheet. This takes the place of the former item "Motor Bus Account" and includes the investment in The Kai Tack Company previously referred to.

Traffic Receipts.

With the exception of this item the accounts are presented in their usual form. Traffic earnings, amounting to \$1,605,291.30 show a decline of \$298,704.83 from the figure for the previous year and this, due largely to motor bus competition, I have already mentioned. Including the item of interest and investment return in the Profit and Loss Account the total income for the year amounts to \$1,624,301.72 against \$1,955,914.34 for 1928. On the other hand, the working expenses give favourable comparisons with last year and after charging \$146,586.00 for depreciation and providing the Government Royalty of \$37,992.44, net profit amount to \$731,763.52. This is \$239,176.77 less than for 1928.

Deducting \$325,000.00 for the interim dividend paid in August last and \$63,000.00 written-off goodwill and construction expenses there remains a sum of \$338,763.52.

Dollar Dividend.

Making a total of \$1.00 per share for the year, your Directors now recommend the declaration of a final dividend of 50 cents per share absorbing \$325,000.00 and carrying forward the balance to next year.

Including the amount of \$245,789.17 brought forward from last year this gives an additional sum of \$13,763.58—that is, a total of \$259,552.75—unappropriated profit carried to next account.

There is nothing else, I think, calling for separate mention and I beg to propose:—"That the Report of the Directors and statement of accounts as presented for the year ended 31st December, 1929, be adopted and that a final dividend of 50 cents per share for the year 1929 is hereby sanctioned."

When this resolution has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Austin's Speech.

Mr. Frank Austin seconded the adoption of the report and ac-

BARCELONA COTTON RESOLUTION.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION DISCUSSION.

Paris, Mar. 17.

The Committee of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Associations, meeting in Paris to-day, confined its discussion mainly to the resolution of the Barcelona Cotton Congress as regards the establishment of national cotton propaganda committees in each affiliated country.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Arno Pearce, has resigned after 25 years' service in order to take up an important appointment in Egypt. His son, Mr. Norman Pearce, has been appointed his successor.—Reuter.

counts when he said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Although the first year's working of our motor buses has not been financially successful, I am a strong believer in the Company going forward on the policy of acquiring and running services of motor buses both on the island and in Kowloon. In Victoria the Company is in a particularly good position to combine the running of motor buses with its tramway services and I feel the policy of the Board in negotiating with the Hotel Company for the purchase of its motor buses and franchise should be endorsed by shareholders, provided that this may be done without the Tramway Company being saddled with the Hotel Company's garages, hire service cars and organisation as agents for various makes of motor cars.

The Tramway Company has behind it a record of good service to the public, and I feel sure the Government will have every confidence that in giving enlarged powers to the Tramway Company, these will be exercised in the best interests of the community.

I now formally beg to second the resolution "that the report of the Directors and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929 be adopted as presented, and that a final dividend of 50 cents per share for the year 1929 is hereby sanctioned."

The motion was carried.

Other Business.

Mr. H. Stuart Smith proposed, and Mr. M. J. Wright seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Chao Po-sien, A. H. Compton and J. E. Joseph, to the Board of Directors, and on the motion of Mr. F. H. Crappell, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors of the Company.

Those present were:—Mr. B. D. F. Beith (chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., Messrs. R. Stock, J. E. Joseph and Chao Po-sien (Directors), Messrs. F. H. Crappell, O. Kitchell, J. P. Wright, K. Stuart Smith, W. J. Stokes, Frank Austin, Felix M. Ellis, Wong Kwong-tiu, C. E. Riggs, J. T. Bagram, A. H. Rumjahn, G. W. Sellars, N. V. A. Crocker, Chua Seng-shoo, E. Ezra N. M. Currie, A. B. Stewart, Wok Hin-wang, O. B. Ribeiro, Yu Chung-suen and H. Owen Hughes (Shareholders), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C. (A.M.I.E.E., M.Inst.L. (General Manager) and Mr. W. F. Simmons, F.C.I.S., (Secretary).

JUNK ROBBERY AT CHEUNG CHAU.

YOUNG WOMAN LOSES LIFE BY DROWNING.

TRIAL AT SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions opened before the Puisne Judge this morning.

Chung Ka, Chang Chung, Wong Ping and Lo Nam entered pleas of not guilty when they were charged with robbery by two or more on February 17.

After the pleas had been entered, the four men were remanded until to-morrow, his Lordship proceeding with the case in which U Sang, Li Tao and Ip Sui-wan were charged with assaulting, with intent to rob, Kwong Ching-mui on a boat in Cheung Chau harbour on December 17. The first prisoner was also charged with robbing Kwong Ching-mui of a pair of bangles. All pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, prosecuted and said the accused were members of the crew of a fishing junk which, on December 17, was in Cheung Chau harbour. Living there was a young woman named Kwong Ching-mui, who owned a small passenger boat and earned her living by taking passengers out into Cheung Chau harbour. She was in the habit of tying up her boat at a small wharf and it was engaged on the night of December 17 by three men. Kwong Ching-mui was now dead, but there was evidence to show that she owned jewellery and various ornaments.

Mr. Holmes said it seemed quite clear that the men who engaged the boat that night were the three prisoners. They were rowed out to the fairway where three fishing junks, one owned by a man named Kwok Pat-yin, were lying. Kwok Pat-yin would say that he heard a cry of "Save life" in a woman's voice and later heard someone shouting "Thief." He looked out and saw the passenger boat, in the after part of which were two men and a woman, fighting or struggling. A third man was sitting in the fore part of the boat.

The woman was pushed overboard, or at any rate she fell overboard, and the three men jumped into the sea. Kwok Pat-yin lowered a boat from his junk and first of all took in the woman, who never recovered. He then went after one of the men in the water and picked up the second defendant, who, before he was taken into the boat, was struck with paddles from the rescue boat. He was then tied up. Another boat put out from a fishing junk and picked up the third man, while the first appeared to have made his way to his own fishing junk. They were subsequently arrested.

In the passenger boat, shoes were found, one pair being identified as the property of one of the prisoners.

Mr. Holmes read out numerous statements made by the prisoners from time to time, some of which denied complicity in the affair and others giving some contradiction. He explained that a charge of murder had once been preferred against the three men, but had been dropped.

The case is proceeding.

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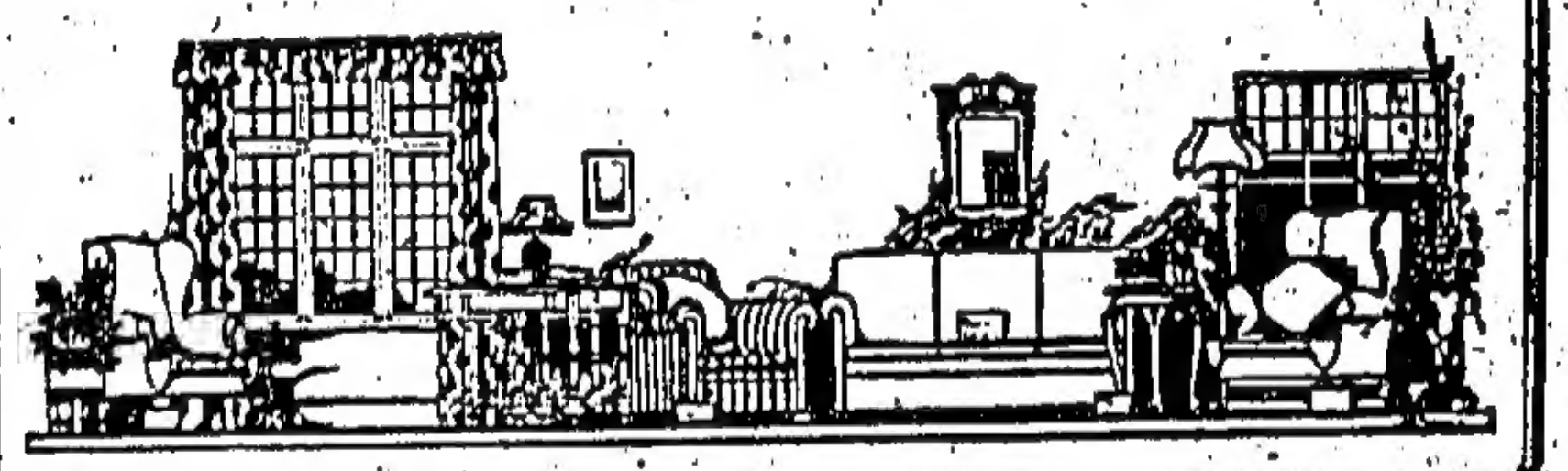
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TENNIS TOURNAY.

VICTORY FOR JAPANESE COUPLE.

Tennis, varying alternately between good and bad, was seen yesterday when Honda and Akiyama were opposed to Messrs. Sewell and McEachran in the Doubles Championship.

The Japanese pair won, chiefly because they played with better understanding and set out on a definite line of attack. Individually there was not a great deal to choose between the four participants, but as a combination, Honda and Akiyama were vastly superior.

In many respects, Akiyama overshadowed his partner, his driving in particular being a model of stroke production, timing and accuracy. He gained many outright points by the sheer force of his forehand shots.

McEachran was the more convincing of the English pair, and he accomplished some rare pieces of individual work, especially in the volleying rallies. Both, however, were faulty in their anticipation and mis-judged several line-ball shots.

The complete results were:

Open Championship Doubles. (second round).—T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat G. W. Sewell and J. S. McEachran, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Club Championship. (second round).—H. J. Armstrong beat Capt. E. C. Etherington, 6-3, 6-2, T. J. Price beat O. E. C. Marton, 6-0, 6-2, H. Owen Hughes beat T. C. Monaghan, 6-3, 6-0, A. L. Sullivan beat H. Mijhoff, 6-3, 6-3.
Handicap Singles "B".—C. de Bruyn (rec. 4/6) beat J. R. Hinton (rec. 2/6) 7-5, 6-2, G. E. R. Divett (1/6) beat A. H. Johnson (-2/6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

This Afternoon's Programme.

Open Championship Singles (3rd round).—H. D. Runjahn v Luk Ding-cheung. (Court No. 9).
Open Championship Doubles. (3rd round).—E. C. and E. F. Fletcher v M. W. and M. K. Lo. (Stand court).
Club Championship. (second round).—F. A. Redmond v A. H. Black. (Court No. 8).
Handicap Singles "A".—second round.—R. H. Wild (rec. 2/6) v P. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/6). (Court No. 7). T. C. Monaghan (rec. 2/6) v H. Owen Hughes (-4/6). (Court No. 4). Very Rev. Dean Swann (rec. 2/6) v S. L. Parsons (rec. 3/5). (Court No. 3).

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

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No. of Shares done.—3,500,000.	
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Electric Bond & Share	98
General Motors	42
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Standard Oil Co. of New York	35
Union Carbide & Carbon	95
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THE CHINA WAR OUTLOOK.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS TO WITHDRAW.

Nanking, Mar. 17.
This morning Chiang Kai-shek declared that Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang were preparing to launch a joint drive against the Government along the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Chiang Kai-shek denied rumours that the Government is concentrating troops at Tehchow preparatory to an attack on Tientsin and Peking. He announced that when the rebels attacked, the Government troops would withdraw and remain on the defensive, to prove that the Government does not want war and desires peace.—*Reuter*.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

The following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club versus Somerset on the Club ground, kick-off at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow:—Rodger, McBride, Bishop, Gilchrist, Stewart, Watson, Reid, Bell, Goldman, McGilgan and Stainton.

CHARLTON OBTAIN FOUR GOALS.

EASY VICTORY OVER HULL CITY AT CHARLTON.

London, Mar. 17.
In a Second Division match in London to-day, Charlton Athletic defeated Hull City by four goals to nil.—*Reuter*.

The league table to date is appended:

Oldham	32	18	9	5	72	35	45
Blackpool	33	21	3	9	79	60	45
Chelsea	33	16	11	6	61	34	43
Bury	33	17	4	12	67	58	38
Bradford	33	15	8	10	68	57	38
Cardiff	33	15	6	12	43	42	38
Southampton	33	14	7	12	61	63	35
Wolves	33	13	8	12	59	61	34
Charlton	32	11	11	10	51	40	35
Tottenham	33	12	9	12	50	48	35
Stoke	34	12	8	14	62	61	32
West Brom.	32	13	5	14	78	63	31
Nottingham	33	9	13	11	48	49	31
Nottingham Forest	32	10	11	11	40	54	31
Millwall	33	7	15	11	47	62	29
Reading	34	9	11	14	44	68	29
Exeter N. E.	33	10	9	14	51	67	29
Bradford C.	33	9	10	14	50	61	28
Hull	31	11	6	14	43	57	28
Barnsley	33	9	8	16	44	60	26
Swansea	34	8	9	17	42	69	25
Bristol C.	32	8	7	17	47	70	23

REDUCED FARES ON PACIFIC.

PASSENGER CONFERENCE DECISION.

Del Monte, Cal., Mar. 11.
At the conclusion of the Pacific Passenger Conference here to-day, the announcement was made that reduced rates on summer round trips to the Far East would be effective from March 1 to July 1.

The rates are to be as follows:—San Francisco to Yokohama, \$525, including return.

San Francisco to Kobe and return, \$544.

San Francisco to Shanghai and return, \$606.

San Francisco to Hongkong and Manila and return, \$656.

Companies represented at the conference, and agreeing to the reduced rates, were the Dollar Line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the American Mail, the Canadian Pacific, the Matson Navigation Co. and the Los Angeles Steamship Co.

INTERCESSION FOR RUSSIANS.

COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION BY NEW YORK "REDS."

New York, Mar. 17.
While policemen armed with batons and revolvers guarded them against possible anarchist attacks, thousands of Christians and Jews joined in prayers on behalf of their persecuted co-religionists in Russia yesterday.

A great assembly was led by Bishop Manning in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Simultaneously, twelve thousand "Reds" gathered in the great drill shed of the Bronx museum and counter-demonstrated and ridiculed all shades of religion.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SINO-JAPANESE TARIFFS.

IMPORTANT PACT TO BE SIGNED.

Nanking, Mar. 17.
A semi-official communique states that the formal signing of the Sino-Japanese tariff agreement is expected to be announced shortly, marking the final attainment of one of the major diplomatic aims of the National Government.

The agreement marks a definite recognition by Japan of China's complete tariff autonomy, and the enforcement at Dairen of the new tariff schedule promulgated in February, 1929, where hitherto the tariff rates have been collected; also Japan's relinquishment of special land frontier duties (which are one-third lower than the maritime customs duties).

As a temporary measure of transition the agreement is accompanied by an arrangement of limited scope, for a limited period, providing that on a few articles of Chinese exports Japan agrees to reduce her duties somewhat, while China agrees to maintain the present rates or not to increase them beyond a certain point on certain imports.

This temporary measure is considered the only practicable means of regularising Sino-Japanese relations on the basis of China's complete tariff autonomy, and does not mark any departure from the general policy of not negotiating agreements embodying mutual tariff concessions.—*Reuter*.

GAS APPLIANCES.

NEW SHOWROOM OPENED AT KOWLOON.

A development in the Hongkong and China Gas Company's business on the Kowloon side which will be followed with interest is the opening of new gas showrooms at 246, Nathan Road, on the corner of Jordan Road. Work has been going on for some weeks under the supervision of Mr. E. W. Simmonds, but it was not until yesterday morning that the showrooms were opened to the public. Naturally they attracted a large number of visitors, who were agreeably surprised at the very wide service which gas offers. They were particularly struck, too, with the very clean and healthy looking appearance of the place.

The most modern cooking, heating and lighting appliances were displayed, and Mr. E. W. Simmonds demonstrated and explained any apparatus on which information was required. There are four display windows. In two of them European cookers are exhibited, in another is shown Chinese cookers and the fourth contains what is called a "magic gap"—a stream of water apparently flowing from nowhere. In the shop itself are all sorts of cookers, geysers, boilers, lighting fittings, etc., the inspection of which will provide the modern housewife with a very interesting and profitable half hour.

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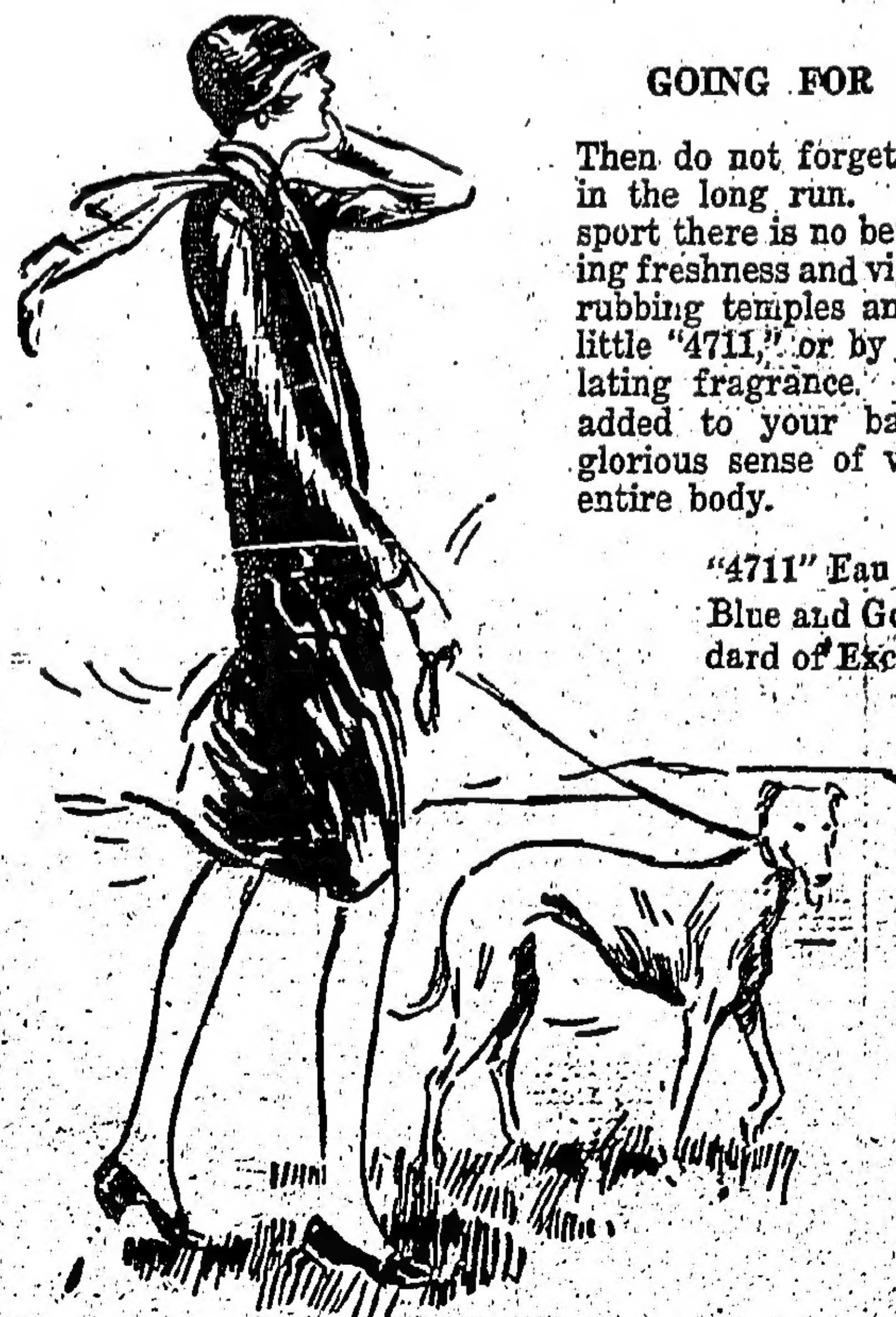
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The lecturer said that he visited Pompeii in January, 1926. After likening Pompeii to the victim and Mount Vesuvius to the villain, the lecturer went on to give an explanation of volcanoes, their causes and effects. He pointed out that Vesuvius had not been in eruption for thousands of years before the disaster, and the people living in Pompeii did not know the Mount was a volcano. He likened the eruption to a steam boiler without a safety valve, explaining that through thousands of years of inactivity the throat of the Mount had become choked and suddenly, in 79 A.D., it burst. He emphasised that by the nature of the burst Pompeii was covered with mud and dust and not with molten rock and lava, but Herculanum was covered with a mixture that set like hard cement.

The lecturer dealt with the record of a letter which enabled them to fix the time of the disaster as August 24, 79 A.D.

By means of a lantern, pictures were shown of the city as it now appears, and Professor Brown explained the scenes, pointing out that Pompeii and Herculanum were neglected and forgotten for 17 centuries, being buried out of sight, while fields, woods, farms and villas existed overhead. Excavations were not begun until about 1750, and were still going on.

After remarking on the strangeness of being able to wander about

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the city and see houses, temples, shops and theatres as they were in 79 A.D., Professor Brown dealt with curios, mostly now in museums at Naples and New Pompeii. There were such relics as pots, pans, plates, cups, bottles, glasses, knives, forks, candlesticks, lanterns, chisels, callipers, gauges, surgical instruments, beads, rings, etc.

Casts of actual human bodies of people who died in the disaster were projected on the screen, the lecturer explaining that the bodies were buried and the flesh disappeared leaving a hollow mould. During the centuries mud had seeped in, and it had been found possible to make moulds of the bodies, in which the features could be seen. Professor Brown added that one unbroken egg had been recovered.

Concluding, the lecturer said that Pompeii was once a seaside

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residential town, but was now a considerable distance from the shore. That was due to further movements of the earth. The movements had been gentle, and there was the remarkable case of the marble pillars of the Temple of Jupiter at Pozzuoli, which had been submerged and re-elevated but never overturned.

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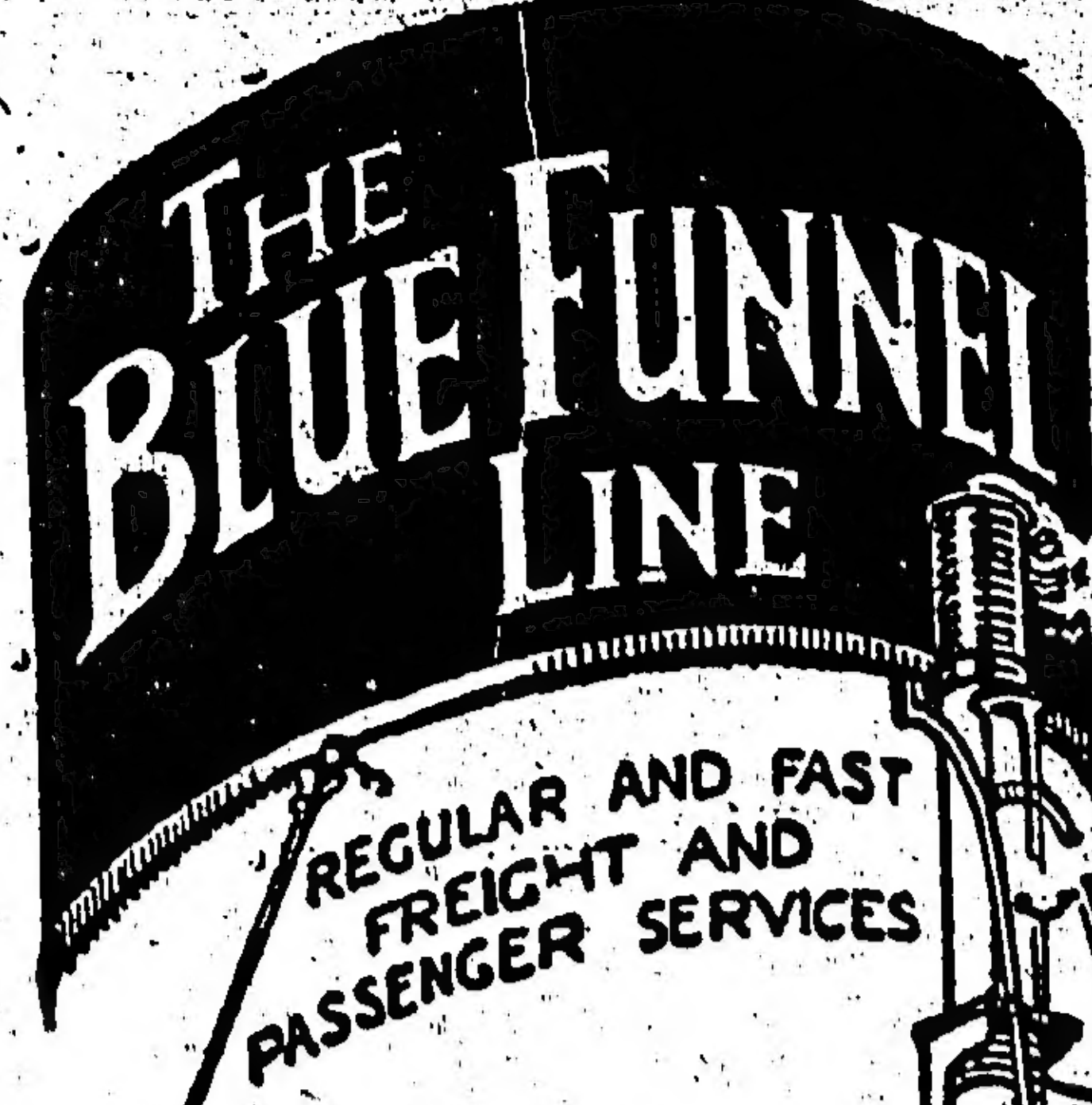
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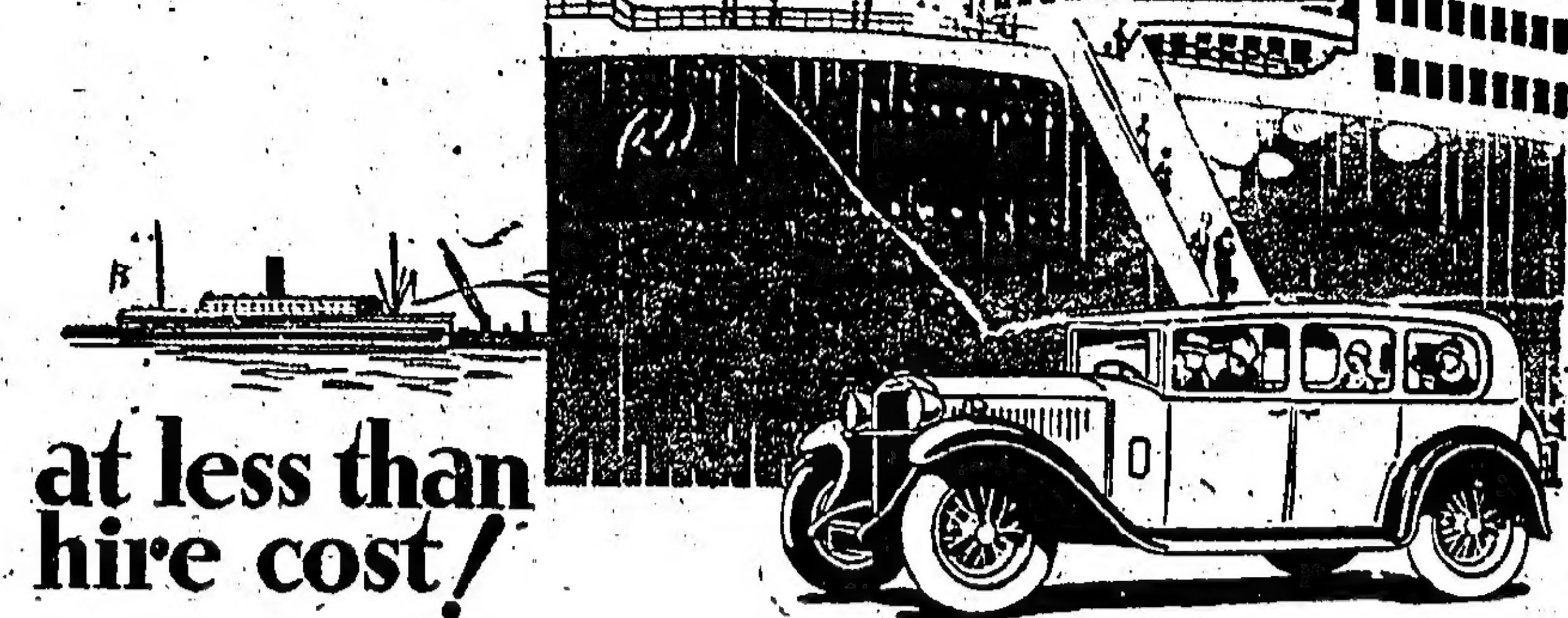
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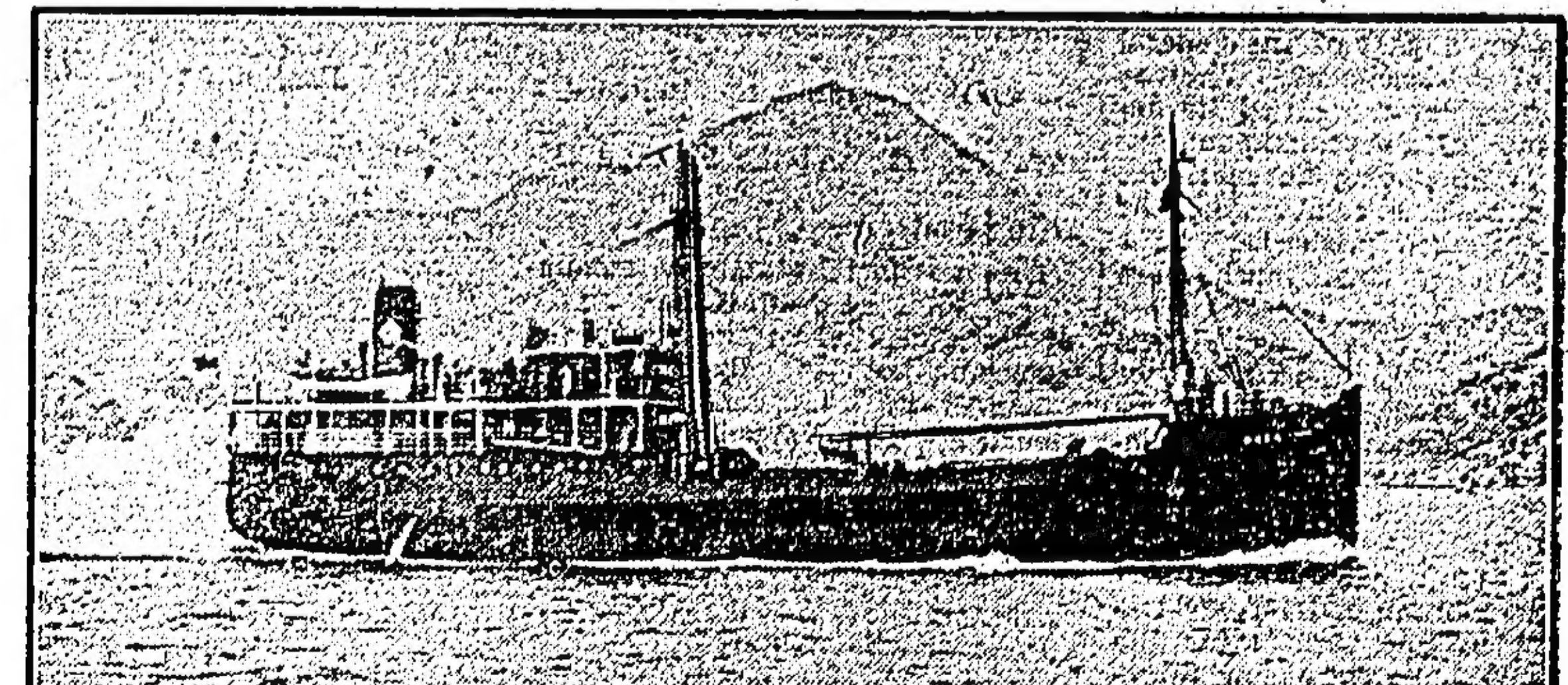
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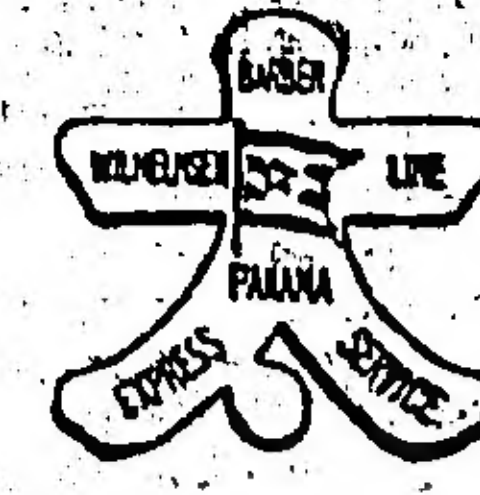
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SPAIN TO HONOUR DE RIVERA.

"LET PASSION BE SILENT AND
HISTORY SPEAK."

PARIS CEREMONIES.

Madrid, Mar. 17.
"Let passion be silent and history speak," concludes the Conservative Journal, *Epoca*, in the course of an editorial commenting on the sudden death of Primo de Rivera.

It is notable that *Epoca* has always been one of the strongest opponents of the Dictatorship set up by Primo de Rivera. The phrase sums up the feeling in the country generally, and the Government has issued a statement, expressing regret at the ex-Dictator's tragic death, pointing out that the dead leader was responsible for the pacification of Morocco and that he reached the highest post in the State. The Government has recommended the King to order that the honours due to a Captain-General be rendered to de Rivera.

A message from Paris states that the body of the former Dictator has been placed in a special van of the Pyrenees express with full pomp and honours, including the Band of the Garde Republicaine. President Doumergue was represented. De Rivera's son, the Spanish Ambassador, is accompanying the body to Spain.—*Reuter*.

PARITY DOCTRINE ANOMALY.

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the proposals which the British delegation had made at the Conference for the total abolition of the submarine, to suspend for the present, the submarine part of that programme.

The House need not view with alarm the prospect of a supplementary estimate to meet future needs in this respect.

The provision made in 1929 for the new construction of submarines amounted to £80,000 and no greater figure than that would be asked in respect of 1930 unless he had to ask for a provision for the three submarines provisionally included in the 1929 programme.

Submarine Issue.

Should this necessity unfortunately arise, and he would not delude the House into thinking the contingency might be ignored, the supplementary grant might have to be increased to a more material size, but it would still represent a small fraction of the reduction of the estimates as a whole and it would still mean that the ultimate saving on the 1929 construction programme would be no less than £6,500,000.

Referring to the Singapore Base, Mr. Alexander said that a considerable slowing down of the work on the scheme had been found possible without in any way prejudicing the ultimate decision.

If these steps had not been taken, the net expenditure in 1930, after allowing for the contributions from the Dominions and from Colonial sources, would have been three times as much as the expenditure for 1929.

The final decision as to the future of the Singapore Base would be taken as soon as possible after the Naval Conference had concluded its labours, and after consultation with all the Overseas Governments affected.

Mr. Churchill's Criticism.

Mr. Winston Churchill (Conservative) said his party did not assent to the present proposals and the estimates of the Government.

He asked why the reduction in cruiser strength was announced before the Conference began instead of becoming a part of the general process of disarmament. Whereas every other Power stated its requirements at the maximum, we began by announcing an enormous reduction of armaments and the conference then proceeded on a basis of seeing how much more could be cut down.

"There is a grave danger," said Mr. Churchill, "that the Conference may become a process not of general naval disarmament but of disarming Great Britain, while the other Powers become actually stronger."

Mr. Churchill pointed out that before the war we had 146,000 seamen and marines and after the war 99,000. We were now to reduce that number to 94,000.

During the same period, the United States, the next strongest naval Power, had increased its personnel from 67,000 in 1914 to 114,000 in the present year. In the face of such figures, what became of the doctrine of parity?—*British Wireless and Reuter*.

Votes Agreed.

The House has agreed to votes for the personnel of the Navy and

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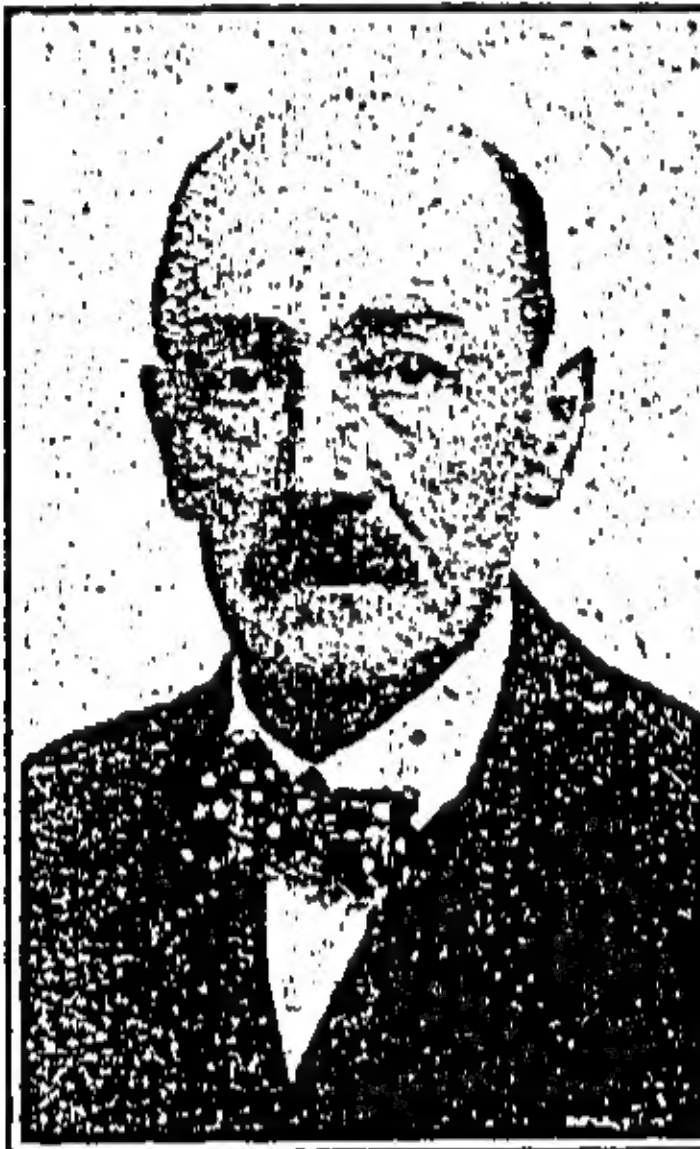
MR. W. L. PATTENDEN GOES
ON RETIREMENT.

OLD TIES SEVERED.

Hongkong lost another of its best-known business men to-day, when Mr. W. L. Pattenden left for Home on retirement, thus severing a connexion with the Colony which has lasted for over thirty years. He will be greatly missed, not only in commercial circles, but also in the social life of the Colony and especially in connexion with church and Y.M.C.A. activities.

Mr. Pattenden joined Messrs. Allen Bros., East India merchants, of London in 1888, and left them to come to the Far East at the end of 1899, arriving in Hongkong on February 3rd, 1900, as an assistant to Messrs. Gilman and Company, of which he became a partner in 1911.

In 1919, he severed his connexion with Messrs. Gilman, shortly after the business changed hands, and



joined Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., as General Manager. That position he has held ever since.

During his residence in the Colony, Mr. Pattenden has served as a Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., his wide experience in business matters being of much value to these concerns.

Mr. Pattenden will long be remembered for his keen interest in the Church life of the Colony. He has been a member of the Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School since 1911, a member of the Council of St. Stephen's College for some years, Hon. Secretary of St. John's Cathedral Church Body, a member of the Board of the European Y.M.C.A., Chairman of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. (Cheero branch), and a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong.

He is an Unofficial Justice of the Peace, and has for some years been a member of the Licensing Board.

In all his manifold activities, Mr. Pattenden has worked in a quiet and unobtrusive manner and has revealed sterling qualities in all his work. He will be long remembered in the Colony by a large circle of friends, who will wish him many years of happiness and prosperity in the Old Country.

THE CONFERENCE PROBLEMS.

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been mooted officially.—*British Wireless and Reuter*.

Japanese Differences.

Tokyo, Mar. 18.
While officials continue to be extremely reticent regarding the prospects of Japan's acceptance of the latest terms proposed by the Japanese-American Agreement, reports on the subject appear to indicate a strong difference of opinion between naval experts and the Foreign Office, despite recent official assertions to the contrary.

A semi-official statement emanating from the Navy Office takes strong exception to the proposed strengths both of the eight-inch gun cruisers and submarines, and asserts:—"The Navy by no means accepts such a proposal."

Enquiries from official sources, however, have brought forth a flat denial that this represents anything more than the personal views of certain officers.—*Reuter*.

to some other items.

Apart from asseverations that the Naval Conference is doomed to failure, the speakers refrained from raising conference problems.

Mr. Churchill reserved complete liberty of re-examining the position later.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, replying to criticism, said the Government took no steps as regards its naval policy without full consultations with experts.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI CIVIL SERVANTS.

BONUS TO COVER DECLINE
IN SILVER.

TEMPORARY MEASURE.

Shanghai, Mar. 12.
Taking official notice of the greatly increased cost of living in Shanghai during the past few years, and the serious situation which has arisen as the result of the fall in the price of silver, the Shanghai Municipal Council has decided to grant, as a temporary relief measure, a substantial monthly bonus to every foreign employee of the Municipal staff.

The action was taken at a meeting of the Council and, as stated, is a temporary measure pending the decision of the Council on the final recommendation of the Salaries Commission, which is investigating the situation so far as Municipal employees are concerned.

The monthly bonus in no instance will exceed Tls. 75 per month. The bonus, the Council decided, is effective as from January 1, last. The bonus is not to be issued to any Staff employee during long leave.

The Council also decided that the minimum rate of exchange for the first Tls. 500 per mensem of leave pay be fixed at Tls. 8 to the pound sterling. This decision will prove of great financial benefit to Municipal employees who are going Home on leave, although the monthly bonus will not be paid during the period of absence on long leave.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

SPLENDID DONATION BY
CHINESE MERCHANT.

Mr. Wai Shiu-pak, of the Yee Tin Tong, 182 Queen's Road Central, who has recently purchased properties in Hongkong to the value of \$360,000, has made a donation of \$10,000 to the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children.

This munificent gift will be of invaluable assistance to the newly-formed Society and will relieve the Committee of much anxiety, for it will, in conjunction with the Government's contributions and the subscriptions already received from the public, place the Society in a position to commence on a small scale its activities on behalf of the children of Hongkong.

Mr. Wai Shiu-pak, who was born in the San Wui District, has for the past twenty-five years been resident at Saigon, where he has large financial interest, but he now contemplates establishing his home in Hongkong. He has for many years past been greatly interested in child welfare matters and in this connexion has contributed largely to charitable institutions in Indo-China and in France.

The need for a Society designed to advance the cause of child welfare in this Colony has long been obvious and we congratulate Mr. Wai on the splendid start which he has given to the new Society.

JAPANESE PROTEST TO BRITAIN.

COMPLAINT AT INDIA'S
COTTON DUTIES.

London, Mar. 17.
In the House of Commons, at question-time, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated that the Government had received a communication from the Japanese Government complaining at the discriminatory effects of the proposed Indian cotton duties on Japanese goods.

Mr. Henderson added that the Government of India must necessarily be consulted before a reply to Japan could be made.—*Reuter*.

LARGEST BANK IN UNITED STATES.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR MERGER
NEARLY COMPLETE.

New York, Mar. 17.
It is reported in Wall Street that negotiations for a merger of the Chase National Bank, the Equitable Trust Company and the Inter-State Trust Company, have practically been completed.

If the combine is effected, as seems certain, it will result in the formation of the largest bank in the United States, the total resources being in the region of \$2,800,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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